

Newton Poppleford School Association (PTFA)

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Chair's Report to the AGM - 2019

Introduction

We are delighted to report that yet again we have had the most amazing and successful year of fund raising by the PTFA! This is down to the invaluable contributions of many, many hours of help given by our generous parents, teachers and other volunteers.

The fund-raising events held this year included; the BBQ for the Parish Council fireworks night, Christmas Fair, Quiz and Puddings Night, Easter Eggstravaganza, Summer Fete, Grand Community Raffle, memorabilia sales, and a Bag2School clothing collection. These were organised and run by parents, teachers and children from the school, and helped us raise over £7,000 for the school. We are very grateful to all those who helped run these events, to the local businesses who supported them and to everyone who came along and took part. In addition to this we received almost £4,400 through successful grant applications.

Additionally, each class held a cake sale during the year, with cakes being provided by the children's families. Each class raised over £100 for use by the class on equipment, activities or trips. The money from each cake sale is reserved for the children in that class, and any unspent money is carried over with the children into their next class.

About the PTFA

The principal role of the PTFA (Parents, Teachers, Friends Association) at Newton Poppleford Primary School is to support the school and its children, particularly through fund-raising activities. All parents, carers and teachers from the school are automatically members, and other friends of the school can become members.

The PTFA is registered as a charity under the name "Newton Poppleford School Association" with charity number #1015155. The PTFA is run by a committee who are elected each year by PTFA members at the Annual General Meeting. Regular PTFA meetings are held throughout the year, and all parents, teachers and other members are invited to attend. The PTFA always welcomes suggestions for future activities and events, although any significant expenditure must be voted on by the parents and teachers present at a PTFA meeting.

The PTFA follows a model constitution provided by PTA-UK.

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Principle PTFA events held during the year

BBQ for the Parish Council Fireworks Night

We raised £873. This was similar to last year, we would hope to repeat this success this year, however we may need to pay a percentage of our takings to the Parish Council to cater the event this year.

The Christmas Fair

We raised £820. This was a slight increase on last year and a very well attended event, aided by a beautiful performance from the school's KS2 choir.

The Quiz and Puddings Night

We raised £336. This was a great evening for the grown-ups! Thanks are extended to our fun quiz master, Chris Burhop, who set the questions himself making the evening varied and enjoyable for everyone. The increase on last year was largely due to a very successful raffle on the night.

Easter Eggstravaganza

We raised £748. This was our first year joining forces with the traditionally pre-school only event to include the whole school, we had generous donations from parents to make this event very successful.

Summer Fete

We raised £2,635. This was a hugely successful event, due to using the village pavilion and playing fields again, allowing us to make the fete a large community event. The grand raffle, licenced bar, and the BBQ added to the profits considerably. We did not raise as much as last year, but this was expected as the event was down scaled due to a much smaller team of organisers. Many thanks to Sidmouth Neighbourhood Police Team, Greendale Farm, JM DanceFit, Hawkridge Birds of Prey, Paws To Dance, alfindlay.com, Red Cliff Designs, and the village pavilion team for supporting the event.

Grand Community Raffle

We raised over £1,200 (included in Summer Fete total). We renewed our lottery licence to sell tickets in advance of the event and again it was definitely worth it! We tasked the children and parents with selling tickets in a competition, year 1 (now year 2) sold the most tickets and won a class picnic, kindly provided by the school kitchen staff. Advanced sales of the tickets raised £800, and a further £400 were sold on the day of the fete. Prizes were all kindly donated (contributors listed below).

Bag 2 School

We raised £232. This was very successful as we collected over half a tonne of unwanted clothing! It also tied in with the children's education about recycling.

Memorabilia

We raised £64. We sold bricks from the old school building, prints of an original painting of the old school, and photos of the whole school community outside the old building. Sales are ongoing throughout this year.

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Grant Applications

We received £2,000 from the Norman Family Charitable Trust, £2,000 from the Gibbon Family Trust, and £379 from Waitrose Community Matters scheme. These are massive sums to receive and are all ring fenced for use in building the sensory garden on school grounds. Many thanks to the scheme organisers, and to the parents who took the time to put together the applications.

What the PTFA Funds Provided

This year, the following has been provided with PTFA funds through requests from teaching staff;

- Yoga workshop (whole school)
- First aid course (KS1)
- Dictionaries and Thesauruses (KS2)
- ICAN resources (pre-school)
- School trips to Donkey Sanctuary, Seaton Wetlands, Bear Trail, West Town Farm, and Woodbury Pebblebeds
- Leavers events (year 6 and pre-school)
- Water bottles (pre-school and reception)
- Hedging for far field
- Christmas craft activities (whole school)
- Registration fee for Voice In a Million (KS2 choir)

The Giving Machine

The Giving Machine is the only UK registered charity that helps organisations raise money through online shopping and has continued to yield a healthy income for the PTFA, £142 this year. Please encourage friends and family to register with Newton Poppleford Primary School on the website: <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/find-a-cause/>

Kindly donated to the PTFA

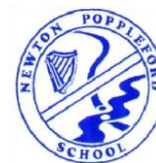
We received generous prizes from local businesses, helping us to raise funds from the school. We would like to particularly mention the following local business (in no particular order):

Black Tor Brewery, Sweet Sensations, Sidmouth Pets, Dukes Sidmouth, Wellspring Traditional Acupuncture, Pebbles Health & Beauty, Exmouth Forest School, Bowd Inn, Exeter Chiefs, Exeter City Football Club, Otterton Mill, Seaton Tramway, Southern Cross, Purple Bricks, The Nail Pond, Simple Wellbeing, County Chiropractic, East Devon Garage, Tropiquaria Zoo, Dartmoor Zoo, Pecorama, Wildwood Escot, Seaton Jurassic, and the Victoria Hotel. Special thanks also to Greendale Farm Shop for their excellent food supplies, equipment loan and barbecue help. And thanks also to Four Elms Fruit Farm for donating a 12 foot Christmas tree for display in the school hall over the festive period.

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PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

A new PTFA committee will be elected at the AGM on 25th September, at 7.00pm in the school hall. All parents and other PTFA members are encouraged to attend.

Thank you

We would like to say thank you to all the parents, school staff, and family members who have supported the PTFA – in many cases taking a leading role in organising fundraising events or running stalls. Our events could not happen without the support of a wonderful team of volunteers, helping to raise money and bringing the school and wider community together.

The PTFA could not continue without your support.

Tilli Beglin (Chair) and Teri Murphy (Deputy Chair)