

PTA News



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Holy Trinity C of E School Cuckfield

Holy Trinity PTA is your PTA, that works to raise funds for our school and help provide further resources and opportunities for our children.

SPRING ISSUE 2021



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

**So far in 2020/2021 we have raised
£16,000**

We haven't paid for much this term as we've been in lockdown, but we have funded:

Welcome back balloon arch and popcorn
Contributions to Year 6 hoodies

Chair message:

Well...this term didn't quite pan out how we all expected! It's hard to believe we are about to break up for the Easter holidays as many of us have only just got back to school!

It was great to still be able to hold our Sponsored Reading event with Usborne books; we raised an impressive £1,500 for school to spend on new books. Congratulations to our Year Group prize winners: Edward, Tilda, Liam, Euan, Annie, Lars and Aisling, we hope you are all enjoying your new books! Huge thanks to Rachel Haffenden and Usborne book rep, Amanda Saunders for organising this event.

Getting back to school on Monday 8th March was such a happy occasion – we hope the children all enjoyed walking into school under the rainbow balloon arch as well as their bag of popcorn treat during the day.



As soon as the news of our children returning to school was announced, we set to work planning an Easter Trail in the school woods – hopefully your children have enjoyed the woods transformed into a Springtime Wilderness, spotting all the hidden eggs as well as the Easter Bunny! If you would still like to contribute to this event (a suggested donation of £2 per child), then please do so via ParentPay <https://www.parentpay.com/>

Over the last 12 months our ability to fundraise has been very limited and will remain so for the rest of the school year. The Summer Fair will not be going ahead for the second year running; in 2019 this raised nearly £5,000 for school. We appreciate that times are tricky for many families at the moment, but if you are in a position to help, we would really appreciate you read the next article about Voluntary Contributions and consider if this is a way you could help your school. Voluntary Contributions make up a significant percentage of the PTA's income and now more than ever are essential to the PTA being able to fund essential and extra experiences for all our children at school.

Wishing you a very Happy Easter

Jen Plenty (Chair)

www.classlist.com
holytrinityptacuckfield@gmail.com



Voluntary Contributions:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/holytrinity-cuckfield>

As I'm sure you are aware, like many charities, we have been unable to fundraise in our usual ways during the Covid pandemic.

In the academic Year 2018/2019 the PTA raised over £26,600 for school. This year we hope to raise about £20,000 but, put quite simply, this significant drop in funds will mean that in the academic year 2021/2022 we will be unable to fund everything school would like us to.

Can you help plug our funding gap?

Through Voluntary Contributions you could help – making ONE OFF or MONTHLY payments direct to the PTA. Thank you to the many parents who already contribute in this way.

Follow the link to find out more:
<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/holytrinity-cuckfield>

We very much appreciate that this form of giving is not for everyone and would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support of the PTA and the many forms this takes.

PTA Committee:

Co-Chair: Jen Plenty

Co-Vice Chair: Katharine Field & Jo de Bry

Co-Treasurer: Laura Dunbar & Christa Bakker

Secretary: Rachel Haffenden

Governor Liaison: Laura Henger

UPCOMING EVENTS

28th April 2021, 9am
Bag2School collection

27th May 2021
PTA Non-uniform Day

July 2021
Children's Fun Day – tbc

July 15th 2021
PTA Summer Raffle Draw

Grounds Days tbc

Outdoor Classroom progress:

We are delighted to be able to tell you that the Outdoor Classroom is so close to being finished! During lockdown Phil Merchant and his team hand made five beautiful refectory style tables and benches and put-up shelving and chalk boards.

Power has now been installed, as well as provisions for Wi-Fi. All we are waiting for now are the festoon lights to be wired in

Huge thanks again to the many people involved in making the Outdoor Classroom possible and everyone who has given so generously to help fund this project.

We are now looking forward to the children using the Outdoor Classroom in daily lessons as well as Forest School sessions.



JOIN US AT OUR NEXT PTA MEETING:

Thursday 29th April, 8pm
via Zoom (link to follow)

Why not login and see what the PTA is all about?

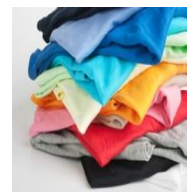


Forthcoming events in focus:

Bag2School Collection

28th April, 9am

How about having a Spring clean over the holidays? We will be collecting unwanted clothing, shoes and accessories to raise funds for school. All items can be delivered to school before 9am on 28th April in ANY bin liner/plastic bag.



PTA Summer Raffle

15th July 2021

As we are unable to hold a Summer Fair this year, we are hoping that our Summer Raffle will be the best yet – raising lots of money for school. We have already received some amazing prizes, donated by Holy Trinity parents, as well as local businesses, INCLUDING 'a lesson in a glider at Southdown Gliding Club'. If you are able to donate a prize or would be interested in sponsoring our raffle (with your business logo included on the tickets) then please get in touch:

holytrinityptacuckfield@gmail.com

Summer Fun Day

July 2021

We are very sad not to be able to hold our annual Summer Fair for the second year running but would love to be able to hold a Summer Fun Day for children to enjoy with their friends, Covid restrictions allowing – more details to follow!



Grounds Weekends

Summer 2021

Grounds Days will be back as soon as restrictions allow. These days are crucial to maintaining and developing our wonderful school grounds so that children can enjoy the school grounds to the full with their class and during Forest School sessions – dates to follow about how you and your family can help – no experience needed, everyone is very welcome! There may even be some hot chocolate and biscuits around the campfire!

Other ways to support the PTA at NO extra cost to you:

Amazon Smile raise money for the PTA every time you shop at Amazon. Search for Holy Trinity CE A Primary School PTA and link your Amazon account today! Click the link above!

Click through [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com) when you shop online and a % of your purchase will be donated to the PTA

Link your Co-Op membership card to Holy Trinity PTA to start earning money for school

<https://www.coop.co.uk/local-causes>