

# Uphill PTFA Newsletter

Raising money for our school



## Welcome Back

Well it's been a while. Firstly, welcome back to all our returning parents, and welcome too to all those new parents who're joining us in Reception or elsewhere in the school. This past year has been a very different experience for all of us, and looks to continue to be challenging. As a charity, it has significantly altered how we can fundraise, so look out for some changes in this year's event calendar.

### FUNDS RAISED

This is what we raised last year:

**Overall Total: £11,745**

### FUNDS CONTRIBUTED

Last year we spent over **£18k** on projects in school, including:

- ▶ New outdoor classroom space
- ▶ ICT Suite Upgrade and furniture
- ▶ Samba band instruments

### PLANNED PROJECTS

We'll be spending on:

- ▶ Upgrading pond area
- ▶ Bike & scooter shelter/storage
- ▶ Christmas Tree
- ▶ Year Group Visitors
- ▶ Year 6 Life Skills
- ▶ Year 6 leavers

The PTFA is a charitable organisation set up and run by parents, teachers and friends of the school to raise money that is to be spent on items or events that are above and beyond the school's normal budgets.

## EVENTS

### PTFA Virtual Meeting

Friday 6th November, 2pm

Join us online for our virtual PTFA Meeting.

[Join Meeting](#)

### Textile Recycling

10th November

Get rid of all that unused clothing you've accumulated. Bag it up, bring it along & drop it off.

[Read more](#)

### Reception Virtual Coffee Morning, Tour & Q&A

18th November, 9:30am

A chance for reception parents to take a virtual tour of the reception facilities including a Q&A with Mrs. Hodder (Principal) and Miss Porter.

[Join Meeting](#)

### Secret Santa

Details to follow

Secret Santa finally breaks from shielding, allowing the children to choose & wrap a present for someone special.

### Class Christmas Crafts

Details to follow

The children will be designing and making an individual Christmas craft gift to bring home.

## Facebook Groups

A quick reminder that there are various Facebook groups for both the whole school and each individual year group. There's also a PTFA Page which, if you follow it, automatically shares the latest Twitter posts from school.

You can also access our recent meeting minutes at any time on the schools website via this link.

## Fundraising

Most of our big fundraisers will be unable to run this year, so school discos, the Christmas Bazaar and likely our 90s event at the Tropicana are currently cancelled. We're still planning to offer Secret Santa, the Class Christmas Craft activities, a raffle and dress-down days though. Keep an eye out for these over the coming weeks. In the meantime please sign up to support us through Amazon Smile and Give as You Live (see below).

### Amazon Smile & Give As You Live

With Christmas approaching, and more of us shopping online, remember we're signed up to both Amazon's Smile programme and Give As You Live. They allows us to raise funds whilst you shop and at no cost to you. Whilst the donations are small, those donations really do count. Family, friends and friendly businesses/employers can help too, so please do encourage them to sign up

and use it. Anyone can support the PTFA through their Amazon purchases simply by visiting <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/279913-0>. It's now even easier to use as it's also now available in the app on your phone or tablet (see here for instructions on setting up the app).

Give as You Live gives donations from many shops, including Argos, Boots, eBay, John Lewis, Sainsbury's and many more well known names. To sign up and get involved click here.

## Upcoming Activities

### Textile Recycling

Our textile recycling collection is scheduled for 10th November. More details are available here.

### Christmas Trees

Looking for a real Christmas tree this year? Clive's Christmas Trees in Wick St. Lawrence offer your chosen tree right from the field for £25. And they'll donate £5 to the PTFA if you mention us. Support us, and a local business at the same time.

### 100 Club

There are going to be some changes to how the 100 Club operates this year. More details will be announced shortly. If you want to find out more about what the club is, how it works, or sign up, visit <https://uphillprimaryptfa.org.uk/100club>

## GET INVOLVED

We welcome new parents to help out with the PTFA. Whether you're new to the school or an old hand with a little more time than in the past, we'd love to hear from you.

We're always looking for new ideas, or companies to help with matched funding, so why not join us for our next online meeting on 6th November at 2pm via this link or you can email us at [contact@uphillprimaryptfa.org.uk](mailto:contact@uphillprimaryptfa.org.uk).

You can also keep up to date with our activities via our Facebook group.

