



PTA News Bulletin

Meet your PTA:

- Jody Judd** – Chair
- Victoria Walker**- Deputy Chair
- Claire Melton** – Secretary
- Rosie Peat** - Treasurer
- Poppy Brake** - Uniform Coordinator
- Gizelle Lett** – Bake Sale Coordinator
- Gill Alexander**- Fete Coordinator
- Laura Brunt**- Raffle and Sponsorship Coordinator

Claire Greenhalgh, Ju Evans, Nikki Joseph, Gemma La, Simon Matthews, Katie Radnedge and Alison Scott.

Jody and Victoria can always be found in the playground along with many of our other PTA members. -See are gallery at the end if you are unsure who we are.

Or please contact us by email eastharptreepta@outlook.com, follow us:

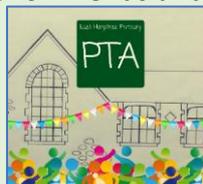


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- our new community Facebook page for friends and family [East Harptree Pta | Facebook](#)

- on our new Instagram page [@eastharptreepta](#)



Not to be missed:

New proposed events *- please get in touch if you can support any of our events.

February

Wednesday 16th Bake Sale- donations appreciated

March

Thursday 10th PTA Meeting in the Waldegrave at 7:30pm

Easter craft competition begins*

An in-school event. £1 entry, prizes to be one.

April

Wednesday 6th- Bake Sale

Thursday 7th- Easter craft competition*

entries to be handed in at the school gate at morning drop off.

Our annual Easter egg raffle

Easter Holidays- Spring Trail *

Explore our village, with our Spring trail, to be completed over the Easter holidays. The trail will have activities to complete as you go around and a mystery to solve. Prizes up for grabs. Maps will be able to be purchased through a variety of ways. Info shared closer to the date.

May

Adult evening fundraiser*- details tbc

Wednesday 18th- Bag drop*

Wednesday 25th- Bake Sale

June

Father's Day brunch*- details tbc

July

Sports day- We will see you there with lollies and refreshments

Summer Fete Saturday 16th July in collaboration with the Church. This is our biggest fundraiser.

Lots of volunteers will be needed- usually given a 1-2hour slot. The more volunteers the more things we can offer. If you have any ideas or specialities you can share, please get in contact with Gill.

Year 22-23 Not to be missed:

New proposed events *- please get in touch if you can support any of our events.

September

Flower and Craft Fair raising money for the pavilion and play area. Please take part and enter as they kindly donate a proportion of the children's category entries to the school. It is a great afternoon.

October

Friday 9th -Bag drop

Mufti day

Date TBC

Bake Sale

November

Saturday 26th- Christmas Market in the school.

11am-3pm.

Volunteers needed -see or message us.

December

Friday 2nd- Wreath Making Evening in the Theatre with drinks and nibbles. 7:30-10pm

Sunday 4th December School Advent Window – The big reveal and festive kick off!* Christmas jumpers, Christmas songs and festive tipples for the big school advent window light up.

School Nativity refreshments in the school following the performance. - *Donations of tasty treats welcomed.*

Friday – School disco x2 in the theatre.

January '23'

Date tbc- Cake Sale

Donations welcomed.

Clothes Bag Drop

Lantern Festival workshop- new event alongside the whole of the community- Get in touch if you have any specific skills.

February '23'

Lantern Community Parade and Competition- class, children and our local community will parade and light-up the village with their lanterns.

The big volunteer recruitment drive:

As you can see from our previous newsletter, our official PTA committee has grown, which has enabled us to increase the variety of events we can offer. We would love to do more, so if you have the passion for anything you see or can offer new, please join us at our local, at our next meeting.

We really appreciate those who volunteer to support us at our events. Without you we couldn't put on everything that we have and want to. We are asking for people to commit if they are able to, to any of our events we have planned, to please get in contact.

In particular, we need lots of volunteers for our Summer Fete. An hour or two of your time would be much appreciated. We also need lots of 'promises' for our Promise Auction from vouchers for meals, clothes, haircuts and massages to tractor rides, days out, the gift of a cake or bouquet of flowers. Gill takes the lead on the fete, so get in touch if you can help.



Bakes would be appreciated at a variety of events.

Our events and funds raised so far:

We were very busy during term 2, hosting events and delivering experiences, which we were very lucky to be able to do with many other primary's not having the opportunity to do so.

The terms festivities kicked off with a brand new event, wreath making. This was very well received and supported by the whole of the community and many friends and family too. It was a very merry evening.

We even delivered some home kits for those that couldn't attend on the evening. We raised over £500 including after sales. Due to the interest and enthusiasm next years date has already been put onto the calendar, so please make a note. Check out our social media to see more photos from the evening.



This was followed with our highly popular Christmas Market held in the village theatre. There were an impressive array of stalls, crafts for the children and of course not forgetting our visit from Santa. Considering the events going on outside we managed to raise an impressive £629. Our Christmas Market 2022, will be held in the school on Saturday 26th November.



Our children the opportunity to take part in the in-school crafting competition. Their challenge was to decorate a bauble with the chance to win a prize. Mrs Gillingham had the difficult task of judging, due to the strong competition. Thank you to all who participated and entered our Christmas Bauble Craft Competition. You helped raise £32.

Preschool - Molly - a very pretty design.

Hedgehogs - Rhys - lots of intricate layers used to build up the design.

Foxes- Dotty -lots of time placing each snowflake for a classic design.

Squirrels- Tom -lots of effort went into gathering materials from outside and carefully attached to create a cheerful Rudolph.

Otters - Casper - a red breasted Robin worthy to adorn any tree.

There will be an Easter themed craft event in March/April so keep your eyes peeled for info.



We also funded the pantomime trip to watch Snow White costing £1293. The children were extremely well behaved, and they seemed to thoroughly enjoy it. Thank you to all those parents who supported us and the school, by attending the trip to supervise and support our children.

The term ended with a double disco. As the number of children has grown, we decided to split the key stages. There were some great moves on the dance floor, lots of festive singing, and some real team spirit shown with the games played...you may have been able to hear the enthusiasm at points!

Thank you to all who attended and helped out on the night. The PTA team really appreciate the support and without you we wouldn't have been able to raise over £249 for the school.



This term we had our January clear out and bag drop. Thank you to all who donated to our bag drop fundraiser and helped with the collection. We managed to collect 76 bags in all, which weighed in at 290kg. So many items off to a new home!

There will be other collections later on in the year, so don't worry if you didn't get a chance to do a big clear out this time!

Running total: year 2021-22

Income

Kindle Raffle	95.00
Oct Mufti Day	62.92
Wreath Making	522.04
Christmas Market	629.30
Bauble Craft Event	32.00
Christmas Disco	249.01
Amazon Smile	24.25
Total Income	£1,615.00

Where the funds raised have gone:

Funds raised support and enhance our children's learning experience in the classroom providing unique resources, artefacts, workshops as well as trips and visits to support the curriculum.

In the past few years, funds have provided an improved outdoor learning and social environment, with shelters (£2k), unique crafted seating and more recently, £400 worth of outdoor play equipment.



£400 was donated last year specifically to the Hedgehog classroom, for play resources and equipment.



Furthermore, the tickets for the yearly trip to the Christmas pantomime were funded with the money raised through the PTA.

Children, staff and our volunteer parents and carers, thoroughly enjoyed this year's Snow White performance. A special thank you to Valentino Kitchens and Sam Watson for sponsoring the panto ice-creams.



As a team, we have also decided to offer each class £200, to help part fund a trip or workshop to support our children's learning.

Hedgehogs have already planned their trip to We the curious on the 8th March. Year 1 will take part in the 'Build it!' workshop to support their curriculum learning and reception will watch the 'Splash & Bubble' science show.

Funds have also paid £600 for the Teacher2Parent communication system, keeping you up to date.

The schools wish list for this year:

As there are currently no huge projects, we have set Mr Harvey off with the challenge of forming a full wish list of resources and artefacts, to support the new curriculum, and to enhance what is offered to our students. We will firstly see what can be donated or found, and we ask you to help us with this, before purchasing items. Key Stage One, have previously put together a list and I know they are very appreciative of what has so far been donated so far.

Key Stage 1 Wish List

If you are having a clear out of toys or art materials after Christmas, please consider whether you have anything Hedgehog or Fox Class might be able to make use of.

The staff have put together a "Wish List" of toys they would like:

Toy cars – small or large.

Car Garage/Car Mat

Small world animals

Small world items –fairies, wooden people, dolls house items, anything from the HappyLand series, dinosaurs, schools – wooden buildings and figures to create own worlds with

Imaginative role play – doctors kits, dentist kits, dolls, pushchairs, baby cots, baby clothes, cleaning play sets, children's tool kits and hats, police outfits and hats, anything children can use for real life role play in different scenarios

Farm/Farm buildings/Farm area.

Scooters/trikes

Buckets/spades/sieves/old large paintbrushes

Water and sand play equipment

Felt tip pens, pencils or chalks

Lego or construction sets

Paintbrushes and paints

Arts and craft resources

Toys need to be clean and in a good condition. Ideally we do not want any themed toys e.g. Peppa Pig so that it is all adaptable.

If you are able to help please take any items to the School Office.

From the chair:

A big thank you to Ruth Manning for being treasurer and continuing the role even when her own children had left the school, and we welcome Rosie who will be taking on the role. I would also like to officially welcome all our new members to the PTA and the volunteers who have helps so far this year.

Thank you to everyone who supports our PTA efforts. However, you choose to support us every bit will help to enhance the learning experience for our children, enabling them to progress and make the most of their everyday school experience. If you wish to get involved or have further ideas then please come to our next meeting, talk to a committee member or email eastharpptrepta@outlook.com

Last point: News Bulletins will be stored in the file section on our school Facebook, on Instagram in the highlight and on the PTA section of our school webpage, all for your future reference.

Jody

Everyday ways to help support our children:



If you shop with Amazon, please support our PTA by shopping at AmazonSmile at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1021131-0> Amazon will donate to Friends of East Harptree School at no cost to you.

AmazonSmile is also available in the Amazon Shopping App, just go to "Programmes and Features" in your app's menu to activate AmazonSmile and choose Friends of East Harptree School as your chosen charity.



Another great way to generate free funds for the PTA is to shop with Easyfundraising. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate, including all the big names like John Lewis, BT, Expedia, Argos, ASOS, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eastharptreeprimary/>



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Every time an order is placed using the PTA code **BS406BD** your PTA receives 15% commission on the whole order (less VAT). Also, if you place an order for a Name Labels Deluxe Bundle with your PTA code, you will receive a FREE white fabric pen (worth £4.99).

Please use PTA Code: BS406BD when ordering.

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They are really easy to use – no sewing or ironing – just stick them to the wash-care label. They are washing machine, tumble-dryer, dishwasher and even microwave-proof! Use them on coats, clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles, shoes, bags, PE kits, glasses cases etc. It's a great fundraiser for the school too! East Harptree School PTA automatically earns 15% commission when you order quoting the school number (6445)

[Click here to order Stikins name labels](#)

Meet your PTA committee: Getting involved is a great way to meet new people, use your skills and make a real difference. If you would like to get involved, please see one of us friendly bunch in the playground, contact us through social media or join us in the local, for our termly meetings.



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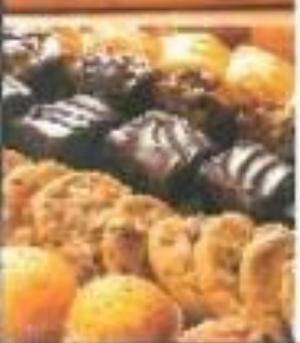
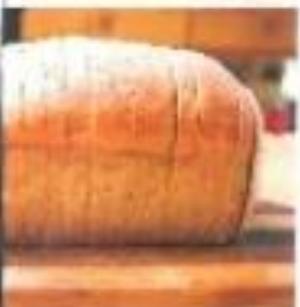
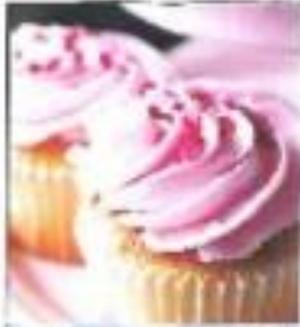


Katie Radnedge



Alison Scott

Ju Evans



BAKE SALE!

**WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY
AT EAST HARPTREE SCHOOL**

3.30PM

**BAKED GOODS
DONATIONS
APPRECIATED**

