



# Bishop Road Primary School PTFA Newsletter - Autumn 2023

## Welcome to the PTFA's first newsletter of the 2023/4 school year!

We hope you all had a lovely summer. An especially warm welcome to all new families joining the school – we hope you'll be very happy here.

### BISHOP ROAD PTFA: ABOUT US

The PTFA is a registered charity which raises money to help our school by running fundraisers throughout the school year. The PTFA consists of parent/carer volunteers – everyone can get involved!

In the 2022/3 academic year the **PTFA donated over £50,000** to the school to fulfil the following pledges:

- £8,000** for the main and class libraries
- £8,000** for enrichment activities, including author visits and externally-run workshops
- £10,000** for outdoor learning sessions
- £10,000** for stage repairs
- £15,000** for playground enhancement
- £1,250** for Year 6 leavers celebrations



**DON'T FORGET!** You can donate any uniform to the PTFA, as long as it's in good, stain-free condition, as well as pick up some bargains on pre-loved uniform. Get in touch via [facebook.com/BishopRoadPTFAuniform/](https://www.facebook.com/BishopRoadPTFAuniform/) to find out more.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES! 2023:

- Tues 3rd October – 7.30pm**  
**PTFA AGM** (on Zoom)
- Fri 13th October**  
**Years 1, 3 and 5 Discos**
- Thur 19th October**  
**Welcome drinks for Reception parents/carers**
- Sat 4th November**  
**Fireworks Extravaganza**
- Thur 16th November**  
**PTFA meeting** (in person)
- Thur 23rd November**  
**Christmas Market**
- Sat 2nd December**  
**Christmas Tree Sale**

### 2024:

- Fri 2nd February – Race Night**
- Fri 1st March**  
**Years 2, 4 and 6 Discos**
- Wed 6th March**  
**PTFA Meeting** (on Zoom)
- Sat 23rd March**  
**Beginners Ball (Reception)**
- Fri 26th April – Quiz Night**
- Sat 18th May**  
**Inflatables Day**
- Tues 11th June**  
**PTFA Meeting** (in person)
- Sat 15th June – Summer Fair**
- Thur 18th July**  
**Year 6 Leavers Party**

## RECENT EVENTS

What a wonderful end to the 2022/3 academic year.

**INFLATABLES DAY:** We were blessed with glorious weather for an afternoon of inflatables fun on the school field in May, raising a fantastic £3,500 in the process. Thank you to the team, led by Katie Allen and Sue Doody, and everyone who helped out on the day.

**SUMMER FAIR:** There was fun for all the family at the Summer Fair in June. The team, led by Mel Burgers, Catriona Johnson and Lisa John, pulled out all the stops to ensure a wonderful afternoon was had by all. Thank you to them and to everyone helping out on the day – an amazing amount of close to £6,000 was raised.



**YEAR 6 LEAVERS:** Another cohort left Bishop Road having celebrated at their Year 6 Leavers Party in July. Our thanks go to the team of parents who organised the children's hoodies as well as a really fun send-off.

**PLAYGROUND:** We hope you're as delighted as we are with the new play equipment and planters in the Grant playground – the PTFA contributed £15,000 towards this and we hope it will be enjoyed by all the children.

## THE CORE PTFA TEAM

We have said a fond farewell to Sarah Carter (Class Link Coordinator), and a warm welcome to Helen Chesman and Hilary Barnes.

After the AGM in October, Helen Fazakerley will be leaving the PTFA committee after many years' service. We are so grateful for all the considerable time, energy and dedication she has put into the PTFA. Notably, she successfully steered us through the pandemic, past all the challenges that it presented, and out the other side. Her experience and expertise cannot be underestimated and she will be greatly missed!

**Chair (2022-3):** Helen Fazakerley

**Chair (2023-4):** Kate Pearson (after the AGM)

**Vice Chairs:** Bazga Ali and Hilary Barnes

**Secretary:** Yanique Slotemaker

**Treasurers:** Anna Lawrence and Ruth Colson

**Website Coordinators:** Kate Taylor and Sarah Bice

**Class Link Coordinator:** Helen Chesman

Although we have more people running the individual events and other fundraisers, we are overall a very small group in a very large school so all support is greatly appreciated.



## ICE CREAMS!

For as long as the sun shines we'll be selling ice creams in the Grant playground after school every Friday until October half term.



## TEA TOWELS & CHRISTMAS CARDS!

These two fundraisers feature the children's own designs and can be purchased in time for Christmas.

Look out for more information coming soon!



## CAN YOU HELP?

We need a new Co-Treasurer to formally start September 2024 (with prior handover). Please contact **BishopRoadPTFA@gmail.com** if you think you can help.



## THANK YOU...

... to the following individuals and teams busily working on fundraisers happening this term:

Ice Creams – led by Jodie Murray

Disco – led by Rachel Millar, Heather Absalom and Ellie Jones

Tea Towels – Sarah Kidd

Fireworks – led by Simon Bodley and Dan Cogan

Christmas Cards – Jo Tomlinson

Christmas Market – Ruth Wainwright, Laura Eggels, Becky Sykes and Laura Birch

Christmas Trees – Katrina and Ryan Brooks

Newsletter – Hilary Barnes

Uniform – Gill Self and Becky Kay