

# Friends of Hartburn Primary School Newsletter January 2024



Welcome to our first FoHPS Newsletter! We are so excited to introduce ourselves to you, show off the hard work that our volunteers do and show you the benefits of joining our team.

## Meet the Officers

As a registered charity we have to have Officers registered with the Charity Commission.

### Chair

Jill Ellison



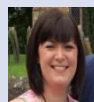
### Vice Chair

Aimee Bowey



### Treasurer

Emily Turton



### Vice Treasurer

Kay Steven



### Secretary

Fliss Brown



### Trustee

Becky Sizer



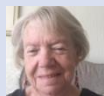
### Trustee

Carly Poole



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Janet Beadle



Along with other volunteers we are all parents and grandparents of Hartburn pupils both past and present.

We fit our fundraising efforts around our busy family and working lives.

Our ethos is to provide continued support to Hartburn Primary School to assist in providing every child with the maximum opportunity to fulfil their full potential.

We meet regularly either online or face to face to discuss our plans and activities for the upcoming year.

Examples of events that we have run over the last year include



As well as regular pop up stalls in the school playground.

## So where does our money go?

Over the last 3 months we have funded a new microphone and sound system for the hall which was used at the Christmas events, and we funded the Pantomime Surprise which came to school in December.

We are currently working with the School Ambassadors on a big project – to be announced soon!



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## Helping is not just about giving us money

We are always looking for volunteers to help us to organise and run events, whether it be five minutes a week to post on social media, an hour a week wrapping up lucky dip prizes or maybe baking cakes for a bake sale!

## Here are 6 reasons why you should help

 <p><i>“I love to see my mum in school helping at the fun events the PTA run for us.”</i></p>	 <h3>1. For the kids</h3> <p>Being active in the PTA not only improves your child's school but makes you an excellent role model. Research confirms what we've always known: when children see us involved in their school and learning, it encourages them to do their best.</p>	 <p><i>“Through being a part of the PTA I've really got to know the school and have confidence in how to fit in.”</i></p>	 <h3>2. It builds trust</h3> <p>Becoming part of the PTA is a great way to get to know other parents and teachers while gaining an insight into the workings of the school. With parents and teachers striving towards the same goals, the parent group is instrumental in making a real difference in the school life of all children.</p>
 <p><i>“It's great that we finally have some decent kit at school for a change.”</i></p>	 <h3>3. It raises welcome funds</h3> <p>Whether it's creating an outdoor classroom, stocking the science lab with new Bunsen burners or arranging a visit from a top author, the funds raised from your activities impact massively on the opportunities and experiences of all the children at school.</p>	 <p><i>“It felt great when the head teacher asked the PTA for our views on the new school uniform policy. It made me feel listened to.”</i></p>	 <h3>4. It gives you a voice</h3> <p>Many PTAs already act as a consultative group for the school leaders and governors. So whether it's deciding on where PTA funds are spent or getting parent views on wraparound care, you can make sure parents have a voice in how your school operates.</p>
 <p><i>“We've been able to really grow the scale of the PTA with some great local contacts.”</i></p>	 <h3>5. It forges connections beyond the school gates</h3> <p>PTAs are brilliant for building relationships with the local community, from events, sponsorships from local businesses, and mentions in local press. Some Parentkind members have worked with local employees to run career fairs.</p>	 <p><i>“I've been able to use my design skills to help the school, it feels great to be able to make a difference.”</i></p>	 <h3>6. It's good for you!</h3> <p>Every parent has plenty to offer a PTA, and whether it's being on the committee, helping out at events or organising meetings, your talents will be put to good use. As well as being enjoyable and satisfying, you can build your confidence and learn new skills too.</p>

If you can donate any of your time, skills or know someone who can help us, please get in touch.

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