



# Friends of Heighington Millfield

## PTA Newsletter | 5 Sep 25

### WELCOME BACK

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and that your children are looking forward to the exciting year ahead.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new families joining Millfield, both in Reception and across other year groups. We are delighted to have you as part of our community and look forward to sharing a fantastic year together.

### ABOUT THE PTA

The aim of the PTA is to provide and support initiatives that enrich the learning environment, fund extra resources and organise enjoyable events that can positively impact your child's educational journey.

Last year we raised over £11,000 from fundraisers and events which paid for a range of resources and trips, plus the new activity board in the playground, and we have more to come this year!

Our PTA is made up of volunteers from across school, overseen by the PTA Committee made up of:  
Chair - Kerrie Anderson  
Treasurer - Kat Simmonds  
Secretary - Kim Sellars

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM is the inaugural meeting of 5 that we have throughout the school year. This year it will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 7.30pm.

The AGM is held at school in the hall as it is a slightly more formal event to elect the PTA committee and set the plan for the coming year. Subsequent meetings are more casual and held in the local pub!

All are welcome to attend and we hope to see new and old faces with ideas of how to fundraise and enrich the children's school year.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Disco -  
23<sup>rd</sup> October

Winter Light Show -  
20<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Market -  
7<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Movie  
Night -  
Date TBC

Visit our Facebook page for all the latest info!

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfHeighingtonMillfieldPrimaryAcademy>

Email us with questions or ideas for future events / fundraisers at:  
[friendsofheighingtonmillfield@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofheighingtonmillfield@gmail.com)

## EASYFUNDRAISING

Did you know that we're registered on Easyfundraising? This means you can raise free donations for us when you shop online! Over 8,000 retailers will make a donation to Friends of Heighington Millfield Primary Academy - Lincoln on your behalf when you shop with them. All the big names like Sainsbury's, Argos and Just Eat are ready to donate at no extra cost to you. Last year we raised over £250.

Join now at:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-heighington-millfield-primary-academy/04xszs/c2s/ahT9laEN/CE945/fac ebook/>

## PRELOVED

Amy Dyche heads up the receipt and sorting of preloved uniform that is available from school reception whenever you might need some extra uniform. Preloved clothes are free but if you would like to make a donation it is always welcome.

## BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Celebrate your child's birthday by gifting a favourite book to their class instead of sweets. Each book will include a special "Donated by..." sticker and placed in the library, creating a lasting gift for all to enjoy.

## NEWSLETTER FOCUS - MYTH BUSTING

Think you know the PTA? Think again! As we start a new school year, we want to dispel some of the Myths about the PTA that can often put people off volunteering, so here goes!

Myth 1: The PTA is cliquy - We hope not! We are a welcoming, friendly group that want to create enjoyable, social ways to raise funds that benefit all the children.

Myth 2: I work, so I don't have time to help - We understand, many of us do too. Whether it's using a donation app for online shopping or approaching local businesses for raffle prizes, there's a way to get involved that fits your unique availability and interests.

Myth 3: You have to go to every meeting and every event - Attending a meeting doesn't commit you for life, and you can walk away with your diary intact. Your contribution is valued regardless of the amount of time you can spare. You can also support the PTA in ways that don't involve events, such as sorting pre-loved uniforms.

Myth 4: The PTA is just for mums - PTA events thrive with the support of all volunteers. In addition to parents - both mums and dads - carers, grandparents, aunties, uncles and adult siblings are all welcome.

Myth 5: I have to be on the committee to help with the PTA - Surprise - if you have a child in the school, you're already part of the PTA community. The chair, secretary and treasurer are the elected officers, and we have other people who volunteer for different roles. But the amazing people who lend a hand are the invaluable volunteers, and you don't need an official title to take part!

Myth 6: The PTA have all the help they need - Your involvement isn't just wanted, it's absolutely vital! Whether you can spare a little time or a lot, your support truly matters.

Myth 7: I can only join a PTA at the beginning of the school year - You can start volunteering at any time, so if you need time to find your feet, or your availability varies, reach out when you can.

If you would like to volunteer at any time throughout the year feel free to email us, join a meeting or message Kerrie on 07731557750. We would love to have you support us and help create fun activities for the kids and raise essential funds for the school.