



Friends of Heighington Millfield

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END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As another successful PTA year comes to an end, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout the year.

Whether you attended our events, volunteered your time, donated tombola prizes, every contribution has made a real difference. Your support has enabled us to host some fantastic events, including Winter Lights, our traditional school discos, another brilliant MILLFEST and many more activities enjoyed by our school community.

We hope the children have enjoyed the extra opportunities the PTA has been able to provide this year. Thanks to your generosity and support, we have funded a donation towards a school trip for every child, a drumming workshop, year group milestone gifts, PE bags, ties and leavers' hoodies, and much more. These are the kinds of experiences and resources that fundraising makes possible, and we are incredibly proud to be able to give back to the pupils of Millfield School.

As we look ahead to the new school year, we also have an opportunity for new volunteers to become more involved. At September's AGM, myself as Chair will be stepping down after seven years with the PTA, and our Treasurer, Kat, will also be looking to hand over her role. We are therefore looking for new volunteers to take on the positions of Chair and Treasurer.

If you've ever thought about getting involved, now is a wonderful time to do so. Fresh ideas and new faces help keep the PTA thriving. Full support will be provided during the handover, and both outgoing committee members will remain available to offer guidance and advice.

The PTA can only continue to organise events, raise valuable funds and provide these extras for our children with the ongoing support of our wonderful school community. Every helping hand, however big or small, makes a difference, and we would love to welcome new volunteers.

Finally, we wish all our families a safe, happy and relaxing summer. Thank you once again for your continued support, we look forward to seeing many familiar and new faces at our events in the year ahead.

WHAT WE HAVE ORGANISED

3 Discos
Raised
£1652

Christmas Market
Raised
£1500

1 Movie Night
Raised
£267

Millfest Summer Fair
and raffle
Raised
£2822

Easter Egg Hunt
Raised
£574

Lucky Squares
Raised
£816

2025 - 2026

Winter Light Show
£1200

School Trips
£2080

Y6 Leavers Hoodies
£544

Class Visualiser
£973

WHAT WE HAVE FUNDED

Drum Masterclass
Jeff Rich
£400

Y6 Fun Day
£300

Y5 Ties and
Reception Bags
£375

WHY JOIN?

8 REASONS TO JOIN OUR PTA

1. YOUR CHILD BENEFITS

The PTA is an important part of the school and helps to enrich your child's school experience. We support the school by providing things like new playground equipment, sports equipment and much more.



5. BECAUSE IT'S FUN

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hair-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.



2. TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As well as fundraising, the PTA organises events which add so much to our children's school experience. Our PTA organises the School Disco, Christmas Market and the Summer Fair, along with many more fun events. This creates a real sense of community and benefits our children.



6. BE BETTER CONNECTED

Create closer links with the head teacher, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community.



3. FEEL INVOLVED

As a parent or carer in our school you are already a member of the Parent Teachers Association (PTA). Every parent is welcome to our meetings and we love to see new faces. Please consider coming along to our meetings, or volunteer an hour of your time at an event.



7. IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS

Everyone is welcome, grandparents, aunts or uncles and it's especially important to have dads and male carers represented, as male role models are crucial in children's upbringing. Dads can bring different skills; they can bring a different perspective, and they can bring other dads.



4. IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

Whether you're a full-time parent or working nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs like putting up a poster, helping sort uniform or running a stall keeps everything running smoothly.



8. KEEP THE PTA GOING

As parents move on from the school, there is a real danger that there will no longer be a PTA. Please do consider helping, maybe teaming up as a group of parents, to keep the PTA going, year after year.



★ ★ ★ TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE! ★ ★ ★