

Meltham Moor Primary School

PTA NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st September 2023



Funds Raised and Funds Spent!

Every year the PTA commits to raise £5,000 to support the school and fund activities and equipment for the children.

This year we have hit our target and have been able to fund the following:-

- 1 years subscription to Purple Mash
- Additional reading books for the school reading schemes
- A visit by a Roman soldier to Year 3 & 4
- A French breakfast for Key Stage 1
- An ancient Greek workshop
- Outdoor learning activities with Eden Forest
- Some creepy and cuddly creatures to visit Nursery & Reception
- Oranges for Christingle
- Hot cross buns at Easter



Who Are the PTA Members?

Richard Crankshaw
Lisa Moorhouse
Faye Denby
James Gwynne
Abi Franks

How Did We Raise These Funds?

We did all the above with your help. The support and contributions by parents and carers have been essential in making this happen, as well as the input from the members of the PTA.

This year we've :

- Held 3 school discos
- Christmas concerts
- Run the Christmas Hamper raffle
- Sold 2nd hand uniform
- Collected Bags for School
- Organised the Summer Fayre (big shout out to the teachers and Yr 6 for helping us out on the stalls!)

Grants

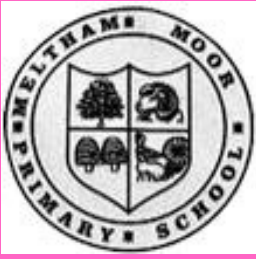
We were successful in applying for 3 grants this year, from:

Craft Union (The Waggon & Horses in Meltham) - which funded the Year 6 SATS support books, breakfast for the children in the week of the SATS and also a donation towards the Year 6 canoeing trip.

Crossroads in Meltham - which paid for new playground equipment for Key Stage 2.

The Yorkshire Agricultural Society - which helped fund the lambing trips

So big thanks to all 3! These extra funds have given us a bit of breathing space and put us in a good position for next year.



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What Else Have We Done?

The PTA don't just organise fund raising events but also work behind the scenes to help support the school and ensure the children are learning in the best environment.

The PTA regularly provide refreshments for school events and ensure that, where we can, we provide that additional equipment when needed.

The PTA have also organised the leaf clearing morning, tidied the existing woodland including sourcing and laying wood chippings across all the paths and have fixed the fences. We've repaired and rebuilt the stone wall surrounding the playing fields, cleared the new woodlands behind the school and opened them up for the children to use. We've repaired the fences within the school memorial garden and around the pond area, trimmed the willow hedges and last but not least removed some stray cows from the school playing fields!

Next Year!

Next year the PTA are committed to raising another £5,000 for the school and children, so over the summer we will be planning the events for next year. If anyone is interested in helping with this, then please contact us at pta@melthammoor.org.

We need help!

Second-hand Uniform

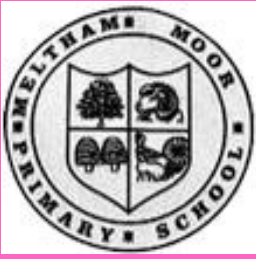
Thank you to everyone who has donated uniform this year - our cupboard is now full! If you have any further donations of uniform that is in a good condition then please donate to the Uniform Exchange - <https://www.uniform-exchange.org/>. We also need someone to help manage the uniform next year. If you have an hour a month that you could spare to sort the donations then it would make it easier for parents to access when needed.

School Gardens

The PTA have spent a lot of time this year making a start on restoring the school memorial garden and will be continuing over the summer holidays. This garden was created in memory of Thomas Wroe, a former pupil of Meltham Moor who died whilst serving in Afghanistan when he was 18 years old. Any help in restoring the gardens, any advice on the planting and management of the garden going forwards would be really appreciated!

PTA Support

We need more people to help the PTA. There are only 5 members on the PTA at the moment, all have full time jobs and it has been a struggle to make sure all our events are organised and run as we would like. The more of us there are the easier it is for everyone and the more events and activities we can organise. The time commitment to the PTA can be as large or small you can offer and any help is appreciated. You don't need to join the PTA committee or attend all the meetings (unless you want to) to support us, just let us know that you can help and we will get in touch with you.



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A Big Thank You!

Finally, thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA and the school this year. We couldn't have done this without you!

Parents and carers who have donated money and goods as well as their time to clear leaves, tidy the woodland, man stalls and pour many cups of tea!

Teachers who have supported the PTAs work, managed all our requests and helped man the stalls at the Fayre.

School staff - Jane and Nicola in the school office who have supported the PTA with all our random requests for support, the kitchen team for allowing us to use the school cups, and Caretaker Sue and the cleaning team who have put up with us disrupting the school routine!

Local businesses who have helped us this year:

Morrisons for their ongoing support

Naylor Myers (Milnsbridge) providing building materials to help refurbish the school garden and school sheds

And for supporting the Summer Fayre - The Travellers Rest,

The Pink Elephant, Jades Secret Garden, Two Valleys,

Bewley's Tea & Coffee and The Fourth Fiend

THANK
YOU

The PTA meet once every half term for about an hour at school. Meetings can be straight after school or in the evening, to suit members availability.

PTA AGM

The next meeting of the PTA is the AGM and will be held on Tuesday 19th September at 3.30 pm.

Anyone is welcome.