



PTFA NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Hello, and a very big welcome to the first of this academic year's PTFA Newsletter.

What is the PTFA? We are the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association, a diverse group who volunteer our time and enthusiasm to raise money for Berry Hill Primary & Nursery School. We are a registered charity, and anyone is welcome to join. It is always great to get representation from mums, dads or even grandparents! If you would like to get involved, please email: berryhillptfa@outlook.com or see our [Facebook page](#) to get in touch. It would be great to hear from you.

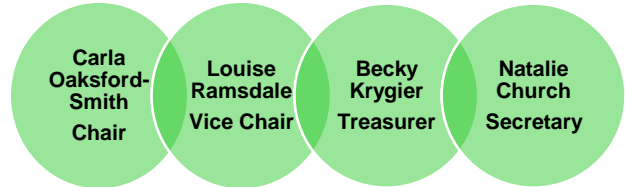
What we do to raise money?

Organise fun events such as School Discos, Magic Shows, Movie Nights, Christmas Fair, Raffles, and various artwork projects. We also sell refreshments at school productions and events.

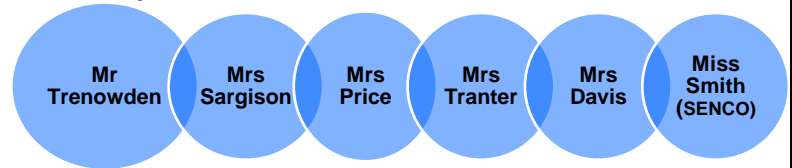
We raise money for:

+ Specialist school equipment, + iPads, + Gifts from Santa, + Year 6 leavers hoodies, + Playground Equipment, + updating indoor and outdoor classroom provision.

The Core PTFA Team:



School Representatives:



Meet your PTFA 2023/24 Chair and Vice Chair

Chair



My name is Carla I'm a mum to 2 children one in year 2 & one in year 6. I've been involved in the PTFA since 2018 and really enjoy helping to raise money to help enrich our children's education. I also really enjoy seeing the joy the children get from many of the events we run. It's great to know that they are having fun whilst raising money for the school.

My favourite fundraiser to date was the summer fair, this was a huge event which took a great deal of planning but was also an event with that brought together the school & the local community, to raise funds as well as allow families to come together for a fun day. It had a great atmosphere and was a big success. I also love the discos and magic shows as these are great events that the children all enjoy.

Vice Chair



My name is Louise. My two boys are in year 4 and year 6. I first became involved in the PTFA by attending school swimming each week for all year groups. I would hear about upcoming events and thought I would love to get involved.

All events have been brilliant, to see everyone's faces enjoying themselves. My favourite ones would have to be the Christmas fayre as everyone is so excited and it is a great start to the festive season. The magic show was a huge hit, the children loved it and it was lovely to see all the smiles and hear the giggles in the room. These are the memories that the children will always remember. Most importantly the PTFA raise funds to provide further events, equipment and trips out etc and I am proud to be a part of it.

PTFA AGM Minutes, Chairperson & Treasurer's Report



The AGM meeting minutes, Chairperson report and Treasurer's report will all be available to view by clicking on the link below shortly.

<https://www.berryhillprimary.co.uk/page/?title=PTFA&pid=156>

In the meantime why not check out our PTFA pages to see what we've been up to.

How you and your family can help raise money for school



Berry Hill PTFA in collaboration with Your School Lottery are continuing to raise funds for our school.

All supporters will get the chance to win amazing cash prizes every week. Including a jackpot prize of £25,000. All for just £1 per week. 40% of all ticket sales goes to the PTFA – you've got to be in it, to win it!

Players must be 18 years of age and we would like parents, carers, teachers, friends, and family to sign up to this great cause.

Keep a look out for more information.



easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for our school.

How?

Just start your online shopping first at [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com) then shop as normal.

easyfundraising retailers will then make a small donation to your chosen charity to say, "thank you."

Over 4000 retailers to choose from such as M&S, Amazon, eBay, Go Compare, Waitrose and many more.

PTFA Fundraisers

Christmas Card Project



The PTFA have decided to use Cauliflower Cards for this year's Christmas card project.

All the children in school and Nursery have been very busy drawing their Christmas design ready for their personalised Christmas cards.

All the children should have now brought home their unique design for you to admire. If you would like to purchase a pack of cards, or gifts with your child's design, you can order these on-line by visiting <https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/parents-shop>

Please ensure your orders are placed & your child's artwork is returned to school by Wednesday 11th October.

Non-Uniform Day



This happens at the end of every half term and term. We ask that if your child/ren would like to take part in non-uniform day, a small donation of £1 can be made via School Money. We ask that no money is brought into school.

The next non-school uniform dates are:

Friday 20th October 2022

Friday 22nd December 2022

Doughnut Friday – 13th October 2023



The PTFA are very excited to be hosting our next Doughnut Friday!

We hope to have a huge selection of Krispy Kreme doughnuts along with other goodies.

This time we are running this event on Year 1 & 2 play ground as well as Year 3 & 4 playground from 3pm on Friday 13th October 2023.

Please get in touch via our Facebook page or email address if you would like to volunteer to help.

The PTFA take both cash & card payments.

Bonfire Disco – 9th November 2023



The PTFA are very excited to be holding a Bonfire Disco for the children in Year 1 through to Year 6. This event will be held on Thursday 9th November in the school hall. Details and letter to follow.

Please get in touch via our Facebook page or email address if you would like to volunteer to help.

Christmas Fair – 10th December 2023



The PTFA are already planning for our fabulous Christmas Fair. This year it will take place on Sunday 10th December, in the school hall from 10.30pm until 2pm. Please look out for any letters or posters asking for donations towards the very popular chocolate tombola, cake and grab a bottle stalls.

Please get in touch via our Facebook page or email address if you would like to volunteer to help.

Christmas Raffle



The PTFA are working hard behind the scenes to bring you a fantastic Christmas raffle.

If you are involved in a local business that might be able to donate a raffle prize, big or small, please contact the PTFA so we can include this with our other prizes.

Please keep a look out for our list of prizes and how you and your family can buy those lucky raffle tickets!

Good luck everyone.

Donations into school

During the last academic year the PTFA funded a Yoga teacher to come into school and give every child within school a yoga session in aid of Children's Mental Health awareness, as well as donating funds towards equipment required for the OPAL scheme. We are also currently working with school to fund more exciting projects linked to the OPAL scheme, watch this space for more information coming soon!

The PTFA also funded the purchase of leavers hoodies, costing £1,288 for all the year 6 children as a memento of their time at Berry Hill.

Everything the PTFA donate back into school is only possible with the support of parents, carers and family friends. The PTFA team are extremely grateful for your continued help and support with all of our fundraising events.

How to get involved



Do you want to be part of a fantastic team?

Berry Hill PTFA needs you!

There are lots of ways you can help our PTFA and be involved. From designing a poster, wrapping Christmas presents or helping at one of our events.

You don't have to attend PTFA meetings. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

Please get in touch via our email address: berryhillptfa@outlook.com or see our [Facebook page](#)

Our next meeting

Our next meeting will be held virtually via MS Teams on Tuesday 14th November at 17.30pm. If you would like to attend this meeting, please email berryhillptfa@outlook.com and we will make the arrangements for you to attend.

We are looking forward to meeting you.