

Newton Poppleford School Association (PTFA)

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Chair's Report to the AGM

Introduction

I am delighted to report that we have had the most amazing and successful year of fund raising by the PTFA for our fantastic new school which our lucky children returned to this academic year! This is down to the invaluable contributions of many, many hours of help given by our generous parents, teachers and other volunteers.

The fund-raising events held this year included the BBQ for the Parish Council fireworks night, the Christmas Fair, the Quiz and Puddings Night, the Summer Fete, the Grand Community Raffle, Parents/Teachers Sponsored Events, Children's Sponsored Events, Children's Comic, and a cake sale. These were organised and run by parents, teachers and children from the school, and helped us raise nearly £11,000 for the school. We are very grateful to all those who helped run these events, to the local businesses who supported them and to everyone who came along and took part. In addition to this we received almost £2,500 cash donations from businesses and local organisations and a further £6,000 was raised through successful grant applications.

Additionally, each class held a cake sale during the year, with cakes being provided by the children's families. Each class raised over £100 for use by the class on equipment, activities or trips. The money from each cake sale is reserved for the children in that class, and any unspent money is carried over with the children into their next class.

About the PTFA

The principal role of the PTFA (Parents, Teachers, Friends Association) at Newton Poppleford Primary School is to support the school and its children, particularly through fund-raising activities. All parents, carers and teachers from the school are automatically members, and other friends of the school can become members.

The PTFA is registered as a charity under the name "Newton Poppleford School Association" with charity number #1015155. The PTFA is run by a committee who are elected each year by PTFA members at the Annual General Meeting. Regular PTFA meetings are held throughout the year, and all parents, teachers and other members are invited to attend. The PTFA always welcomes suggestions for future activities and events, although any significant expenditure must be voted on by the parents and teachers present at a PTFA meeting.

The PTFA follows a model constitution provided by PTA-UK.

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The principle events held during the year were:



BBQ for the Parish Council Fireworks Night

We raised £820. This was a huge increase on last year as we were the only food vendor, we will continue to work with the Parish Council for the 2018 bonfire night.

The Christmas Fair

We raised £700.

The Quiz and Puddings Night

We raised £175. This was a great evening for the grown-ups! Thanks are extended to our fun quiz master, Chris Burhop, who set the questions himself making the evening varied and enjoyable for everyone.

The Summer Fete

We raised over £3,400. This was a massive increase on last year! The success was down to using the village pavilion and playing fields, allowing us to make the fete a much larger community event. The grand raffle and having a bar for the first time added to the profits considerably. Many thanks to Devon & Cornwall Police, Reggie's ice-cream, Let's Bounce East Devon, Johanna Morris Zumba, and Hawkridge Birds of Prey, DJ Paul Hayward, and the village pavilion team for supporting the event.



Grand Community Raffle

We raised over £1,400 (included in Summer Fete total). This was the first year we applied for a lottery licence to sell tickets in advance of the event. We tasked the children and parents with selling tickets in a competition, reception class (now year 1) sold the most tickets and won the opportunity to cut the ribbon at the official opening of the new school in Spring 2019. Advanced sales of the tickets raised £1,200, and a further £460 were sold on the day of the fete. Prizes were all kindly donated (contributors listed below).



Parents/Teachers Sponsored Events

We raised over £3,700. This was a massively successful sponsored activity, supported by a relatively small group of grown-ups, and a large amount of sponsors. Special mention to Sidmouth Running Club and Olympian Jo Pavey for supporting the 10km run, and to parent Chris Day-Kerry for taking part in The Grizzly.

Children's Sponsored Events

We raised over £1,800. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to get involved, taking part in a fun run, danceathon, or readathon. Over 120 children took part and raised a huge sum from their friends and families sponsoring them.



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Children's Comic

Raised £85. Two children from year 3 took it upon themselves to write and produce a comic 'Nutty Newton Pop School' and sold it in the playground, raising an impressive amount of money!

Cake Sale

Raised £80. Thank you to parent Rachel Britton who held a cake sale at her place of work to raise money for the school.

Grant Applications

We received £1,000 from Tesco Bags of Help Scheme towards playground equipment.

We received a £5,000 pledge from the Norman Family Trust towards lighting and staging equipment for the new hall. These are massive sums to receive, many thanks to the scheme organisers, and to the parents who took the time to put together the applications.

What the PTFA Funds Provided

The spending requests have been limited this year whilst we all waited for the new school building. Now the building of our new school is nearly finished we are expecting there to be a much longer list in next year's report.

- Kev the Comic. (KS1 and KS2).
- 'Out of Arc' music package (CD's, Online Resources etc)
- Leavers' Event by Cornwall College.
- School trips to Donkey Sanctuary, Seaton Wetlands, Golden Hind, Charmouth Heritage Centre and The Roman Baths.

The Giving Machine

The Giving Machine is the only UK registered charity that helps organisations raise money through online shopping and has continued to yield a healthy income for the PTFA, **£59.53** this year. Please encourage friends and family to register with Newton Poppleford Primary School on the website: <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/find-a-cause/>

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Prizes kindly donated to the PTFA

We received generous prizes from local businesses, helping us to raise funds from the school. We would like to particularly mention the following local business (in no particular order):

Northcott Brothers Funeral Directors, The Hair Loft, Sidmouth Pets, Dukes, Woodbury Park, Wellspring Traditional Acupuncture, Pebbles Complimentary Therapies, Exmouth Forest School, Exmouth Watersports, Sandy Park, Ocean Exmouth, Bowd Inn, Exeter Chiefs, Otterton Mill, Seaton Tramway, Footgolf on the Exe, Elizabeth Hotel, Southern Cross, Blacktor Brewery, and Sians Nails.

Many attractions in the South West donated free entrance tickets as raffle prizes, including: Wildwood Escot, Dartmoor Zoo, Bicton Park, Pennywell Farm, Tropiquaria Zoo, and Devons Top Attractions.

Special thanks to Greendale Farm Shop for their excellent food supplies, equipment loan and barbecue help.

Cash Donations

The PTFA received some generous donations amounting to **£2492** from local businesses and organisations for which we are extremely grateful.

Sidmouth Darts League	£	250.00
Clinton Devon Estates	£	500.00
Purple Bricks	£	300.00
Sidmouth Lions	£	600.00
Sea Salt Sidmouth	£	45.00
Newton Poppleford Cricket Club	£	200.00
Elliot's Builders	£	100.00
Rotary Club of Sidmouth	£	50.00
Exeter Windows Store	£	150.00
Thomas Rueters	£	297.00
Total	£	<u>2,492.00</u>

PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

A new PTFA committee will be elected at the AGM on 3rd October, at 7.30pm in the school hall. All parents and other PTFA members are encouraged to attend.

Thank you

I would like to say thank you to all the parents, teachers and family members who have supported the PTFA – in many cases taking a leading role in organising fundraising events or running stalls. Finally, a big thank you to The Sidmouth Herald and Parish Magazine for publicising our events which as well as raising money, these events help bring the school and wider community together.

The PTFA could not continue without your support.

Tilli Beglin (Chair)