



# The Friends of Ilsington School

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## Friends Chair Annual Report 2021/22

### What is Friends?

'Friends' is the name of our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at Ilsington School. It is a registered charity whose purpose is to raise money to support the facilities and learning of our children and provide extras for the children in their school environment. Friends is open to parents, guardians, teachers, carers, governors and anyone with a link to the school and the wellbeing of the children. The fundraisers are a great way to meet other families at school outside of school hours and they generate a great sense of community.

### Our PTA structure

Our PTA is run by a committee of 4 who volunteer their time to help create new fundraising events and fun activities for the children. These roles are Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. An AGM is held each September and the Chair uses this occasion to run through the previous years income and expenditure as well as ideas for the next year's events. If you would like to take a look at the constitution, please get in touch with us.

The Committee need to agree by a majority on all spend. The school often ask for funds to support new resources and the committee must agree by majority to support these requests. For larger school events, the Committee seek out days that are most suitable to parents, guardians and carers so that the majority can attend. The children in the school council also suggest new resources that they would like which Friends support.

### Highlights of the last year 2021/22

Last year during the Autumn Term, Friends organised a KS1 and Middlecott, Christmas party held at the village hall. The children really enjoyed these events. Friends also paid towards an Autumn school theatre trip. Friends liased with the school to create a school teatowel design and the children's own Christmas Card designs. The children really loved picking up their designs and asked to do it again.

In Feb, the new Friends Committee formed. Friends contributed to a Pantomime Trip; Kinetic Letters providing new teaching resources to KS1; and a Viking Trip for Middlecott class in March. Friends secured a grant from the TDC for the sensory garden for £200. Friends ran the Easter Fayre raising ~£300 profit and a sponsored 5km run raising ~£250 profit.

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In the Summer Term, Friends organised the Fun Zone at the Summer Parish Show and refreshments for Sport's Day, which were both great events and needed the support from many families attending the school. Friends funded the leaver's hoodies and an Owlacombe trip to Woodlands as well as new uniform for new starters who joined part way through the term.

## **Benefits during 2021/22**

There were many benefits to the children from all the events organised, especially after lockdown. The Easter Fayre was one of the first gatherings for the whole school again. The Jubilee village event was also another great occasion which all enjoyed greatly. Friends worked closely with the local community to be part of this Jubilee event. Friends also worked closely with the village shop and began to sell the Children's card drawings to the shop, which is great for all!

## **PTA Treasurer's report**

Opening Balance of the PTA's bank account: £3588.52 on 1st August 2021.  
Total amount of money raised over the year: £2635.22

### **Breakdown:**

- TDC Grant: £200
- Jubilee Committee £100
- AmazonSmile £54.89
- EasyFundraising £16.78
- Donation £10
- Fundraising Events: £2253.55
- Consolidated old bank account: £1099.04

### **Costs Incurred: £921.51**

- AGM & PTA Meeting's (24th Sept, 10th Dec, 28th Jan): £85.40;
- Cost of Fundraisers: £764.11
- PTA Insurance: £72;

### **How funds were spent: £2075.75 – 62 (£62 refunded) = 2013.75**

- Purchases for School: £791.43;
- Fun Events for the Children: £1077.09;
- Uniform packs for New Starters: £145.23.

## **How the items purchased achieved your charitable objectives as set out in your constitution**

The Jubilee Event and Summer Show Kid's Fun Zone were both large community Parish events, including the broader community outside of the families attending school. The Inflatable Fun Run enhanced a sense of community between the families at the school. The remaining fundraising and social events that were run enhanced the children's experiences at school, the Sensory Garden area improved the Children's understanding of Natural Science and created a wonderful new environment for them to enjoy.

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## **The Current bank balance:**

Balance as of 1st August 2022: £4387.52 available to the school with an additional Float of £79.73.

Last year's opening balance: £3588.52 + monies raised £2635.22 – costs incurred £921.51 – funds spent £2013.75 = £3288.38 + money from old account £1099.04.

End of year closing balance: £4387.52

|                              |         | Running total |
|------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Opening balance 1st Aug 2021 | 3588.52 | 3588.52       |
| Money raised                 | 2635.22 | 6223.74       |
| Costs incurred               | 921.51  | 5302.23       |
| Funds spent                  | 2013.75 | 3288.48       |
| Money from old account       | 1099.04 | 4387.52       |

## **Plans for the coming 2022/23 School Year:**

The AGM will be held in September and ideas for events and fundraising will be discussed. Friends would like to form closer links between the Governor's and Teacher's to understand how to best support the school with ongoing activities. Friends would like to re-run the Christmas card designs, school teatowel design and potentially hold a Christmas Fayre. Friends would like to encourage more requests from families throughout the school year groups.

A big thanks to everyone who has supported the committee and the Friends PTFA events.