



## PTFA Closure – Surely not???

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well, in good spirits and enjoying this most welcome of weather. Today though, I reach out to you with a heavy heart but also with a sense of hope and purpose. As we reflect on the journey of our Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA), we find ourselves at a critical juncture. Sadly, the potential need to close our PTFA looms large on the near horizon, due to a lack of volunteers in key positions. This matter should deeply concern us all. The PTFA of HPS plays a pivotal role in enriching the lives of our children, supporting our school, and strengthening our community but it is in perilous waters.

The PTFA has long been a beacon of support and creativity at Honiton Primary School. Through countless fundraising events, social gatherings, and community-building activities, the PTFA has provided invaluable resources that directly benefit all our students. From funding school trips and purchasing essential equipment to organising educational workshops and fun events, the contributions of the PTFA have made a lasting impact on all our children's educational experiences. These activities not only enhance learning but also foster a sense of belonging and community among our students and their families.

- New book bags when starting Reception and the important reading journey
- Year 6 final festivities and leavers prom with a contribution to hoodies.
- £4.50 per child each year to make Educational Visits cheaper or indeed free for each year group.
- New Chrome books in KS2 and fresh iPads in KS1/EYFS
- Ice cream stalls on those hot afternoons
- Cake stalls to start the weekend
- Refreshment tents at Sports Day
- Sponsored events: Bounce for Books, Friendship Friday
- Bingo at Easter
- Summer Fayre
- Termly discos.
- Helping at the church concerts at Christmas
- A Circus!!!

The list goes on.

Moreover, the PTFA serves as a bridge between parents and the school, encouraging collaboration and open communication. It creates opportunities for parents to engage with teachers, share ideas, and support one another. The friendships and connections formed through the PTFA strengthen our school community, making it a more welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone.

As we look ahead, the thought of losing this vital support system is truly disheartening. Without the enthusiastic participation of volunteers, we risk losing not just the financial backing that the PTFA provides but also the spirit of togetherness that makes our school so special.





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The children benefit immensely from seeing their parents and teachers working together, and the memories created through PTFA events are cherished for a lifetime.

I implore you to consider the impact that a vibrant PTFA has on our school and community. If you have even a small amount of time to spare, your involvement could make a world of difference. Whether you can help organise events, contribute ideas, or lend a hand during fundraisers, every element counts. We are looking for new committee members who can bring fresh perspectives and energy to our initiatives.

If you can and are interested, do please join the existing PTFA members, Staff and Governors in the yurt on **June 26<sup>th</sup> after drop off** for a generally fact finding conversation with coffee and cookies in the spirit of collaboration.

Let us come together to ensure that the PTFA continues to thrive for the benefit of our children and the future of our school. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about how you can help, please reach out to me directly or attend our next PTFA meeting.

Sometimes, it is too easy to think to ourselves “Someone else will do it!” Perhaps you are the someone else. Be brave, be community minded and help the children too.

Together, we can preserve this special part of our school community and continue to make Honiton Primary School a nurturing, engaging, and vibrant place for our children to grow and learn.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and for your ongoing support of our school. Together, we can make a difference.

In the same breath, we are also always keen to swell our Governor ranks too. The key people that keep the school in fine fettle with important checks and input from a strategic position. Expertise in Health and Safety and Finance are always greatly sought but a good heart, strong energy and a sensible outlook are the prerequisite qualities.

With heartfelt gratitude,

*The staff and children of HPS*

Save our PTFA!!!



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