



# Ashwell School PTA

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Dear Ashwell School community,

**PTA Spring Newsletter 2022**

We hope that you had a lovely half term break and got through the storms intact! It seems that spring really is on the horizon with snowdrops, primroses, and daffodils sprouting all around the school and village as we head into (fingers crossed... whisper, don't jinx it...) something a little more 'usual' than the last few years.

As this is the first PTA newsletter in a while, we thought that it would be good idea to:

- **Re-introduce ourselves**, and let you know a bit about what we do for the school and how we do it.
- **Reach out** to get more families involved so that we can continue to do what we do!

## Who we are and what we do

We are a gaggle of parents and staff who meet a couple of times a term (sometimes in the pub) to plan all things PTA. We fundraise and hold events to raise additional funds that enrich our children's learning experience. (See below for what we've done so far this year as well as exciting events coming up!)

We also run the second-hand uniform shop, supporting the environment and our pockets in increasingly tight times. Please feel free to approach any of us with questions or ideas if you see us, or WhatsApp your Year Rep:

Chair	Yvonne Wright	Charlotte's Mum	Yr 1 Rep	Jack Blumenau	Bea's Dad
Treasurer	Mark Allan	William and Bethan's Dad	Yr 2 Rep	Chrissie Batty	Dougie's Mum
Secretary	Shonagh Blair	Isaac and Jacob's Mum	Yr 3 Rep	Tori Wilson	Lottie's Mum
Vice Chair	Sarah Blumenau	Bea's Mum	Yr 4 Rep	Yvonne Wright	Charlotte's Mum
Nursery Rep	Merry Smith	Rider/May's Mum	Yr 5 Rep	Amy Moss	Daisy's Mum
Reception Rep	Fran Bridgeman	Jenson's Mum	Yr 6 Rep	Lisa Sheridan	Jack's Mum

## We need you!

Over the last few (incredibly difficult and disruptive) years, for obvious reasons, engagement with the PTA has dwindled. We are down to a skeletal committee. We really want to continue to support the school and all of our children's education. As things start to settle, we desperately need your help.

If you have any time, talent or ideas (however small) that you could donate, we would be incredibly grateful for your support. Please could you spend 2 minutes filling out our [survey here](#). This will give us an idea of what our school community might be able to contribute as well as what sort of events you would like us to run!

We know that people are busy so, if you feel you do not have time to spare, we welcome support in other ways. Please feel free to assuage your guilt and support the PTA by donating here:

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/AshwellschoolPTA>

Another effortless way to contribute is via charitable giving whilst doing your normal online shopping.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ashwellschool/>

<https://www.smile.amazon.co.uk> [search Friends of Ashwell School]



## So far this year...

### Yard Sale



### Who's That Guy



### Fireworks



### BassBelle 10 mile run



We are sorry that some people were unable to attend the Fireworks display due to ticket sales reaching capacity. We know that it caused disappointment. The maximum number of people allowed at the event was set by the council and part of the licence to hold it. We are currently investigating ways to expand capacity for 2022!

### Events coming up (see letter for full details of each event also attached)

- School Disco – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March
- Mother's Day Shop – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Family Easter Bingo - Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March
- Ashwell at Home - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May
- Aquathon – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- Father's Day Shop – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June
- Summer Fete - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

### What we have purchased for the school recently:

- Christmas presents for children from Santa and associated items linked to making Christmas lunch a special occasion
- World Book Day author/illustrator workshops

### What we are currently fundraising for:

- New sets of playtime and lunchtime equipment for the playground, MUGA and Meadow
- Even more new books for the reading scheme and library
- Additional curriculum enrichment workshops for children

Thank you so much in advance for all of your support!

The PTA Team

