



7th July 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the summer approaches and the school year draws to a close, your PFA wanted to thank you for all your support throughout this academic year. We have been limited again this year in running a full programme of events, but those that have managed to go ahead have been successful fundraisers and rewarding for our children.

We are pleased to have been able to contribute to the school with donations of £4,335 during this school year, ensuring all classes have and will continue to benefit from this funding:

- ✓ A contribution of £500 towards the Christmas Pantomime (Jack & the Bean Stalk) and £235 to provide a gift to all the children
- ✓ £2,000 so each class had £250 available for the teachers and children to get something special. This has been a wonderful range of items from stationery and books to balance bikes and an educational shed!
- ✓ A bundle of science items with a range for all classes at £1,500 which has created a real buzz of excitement with experiments being done in class!
- ✓ Year 6 leavers presents contribution of £100 and organising the wonderful end of year hoodies you are bound to have seen the children wearing around Birstall, regardless of how hot some days have been!

If you follow us on Facebook, pictures are posted of some of these items in action, so please do have a look.

The aim of the PFA under the current committee has always been to create a friendly, community spirit amongst the parents, teachers and children of the school; challenging ourselves to have a positive impact on the school environment for all children and to contribute our time to raise funds for our school. This has previously been achieved through fund raising events, school socials and securing any company or government grants available.

The contribution of your PFA remains as relevant today as it has always been, school budgets are limited, and the current economic climate is bound to have an impact.

Looking forward to next year the PFA has recognised that its longevity is at risk. We will inevitably lose some Year 6 parents at the end of this term which will have a detrimental effect on the group, therefore we need to refresh and grow our membership. The current members are in their final school years and the natural succession of new parents coming on board has been severely hindered by Covid.

The current committee is unable to continue running a full PFA schedule and at the last meeting it was recorded that we propose to formally cease in April 2023.

However, this does not need to be the situation if new volunteers come forward to support our fundraising events and to replace the outgoing committee. **If anyone can volunteer, please be assured that this would be a transition and anyone new to the committee would be fully supported.** Our next meeting is scheduled for September 2022, but if anyone would like to have a chat, understand a little more about what is involved please do get in touch on the email below.

We wish you all a fantastic summer break and look forward to securing the future of the PFA with you next year.

Thank you and kindest regards,

The PFA Team