



# Friends of Newlyn School (FONS)

## A warm welcome to your PTA

### Why does the school have a PTA?

The main function of our PTA is to support the school by raising as much money as we can to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for the children. We also provide those 'little extras' that make school memorable, such as school trips, discos and the year 6 leavers' hoodies.

We also exist to bring the communities of school and home closer together because it makes sense for parents to be involved in their children's school life.

Lastly, we're here for the simple reason that we want to get together socially, meet new people and have fun!

The PTA is run by a committee who are all volunteers. We liaise with the staff and pupils within the school to get their input. We are looking into class reps or using our school council reps for each year group to support the PTA and to find out what it is the children would like us to provide. We might sound like an abstract group of people, but we're parents, carers, friends and allies – just like you. Not so long ago, we were new too.

### Recent events held and how much we raised

Unfortunately because of Covid 19, the past couple of years have been hard on FONS as a whole, not being able to host the events we normally would to bring the money in. These are a couple of events we managed to run during the last school year:

<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>	£65.00
<b>Bake Sale</b>	£68.00

We are hoping this year to hold many more events and raise lots of money so we can give our wonderful children all that they deserve.

## What the PTA funded with the money

We always try to respond when asked to help the school, and after the work is done, it's so rewarding to see the children enjoy new resources and equipment provided by the PTA. Again, due to Covid 19, our resources were limited.

What did we buy?	Who for?	What were the benefits?
School Outings	Across all year groups	The experience of learning about the topics in the curriculum and seeing things first hand.
Leavers' hoodies	Year 6	The children have something to mark their transition from primary to secondary school.

## How we keep you up-to-date with our activities?

<b>Facebook group</b>	We are launching a new Facebook group, information will be posted on the main school Facebook page to join. We will use this to keep you up to date.
<b>Book bags</b>	Flyers and letters may be sent home from time to time with information.
<b>Newsletter</b>	Information will be included in the school newsletters of upcoming events.

## When are the next meetings?

Everyone is welcome to come along to the following meetings:

<b>Purpose of meeting:</b> Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Date: 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 Time: 2:45pm Location: Newlyn School
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## How can you get involved?

The more people become involved, the more we can achieve and the easier it will be.

Even if you have younger children at home, or only a small amount of time, could you come to a meeting, help set up an event, serve food or design a poster? Perhaps you have a professional skill you could help us out with? You don't have to come into the school; many of our volunteering tasks can be done from home.

## Contact details

We'd love to hear from you. Vicky White (Secretary) has offered to be a contact for all new parents wanting information about the PTA and our activities. Find any of us on the playground at pick up time! We would love to chat and answer any questions.

<b>Craig Strippel - Chairman</b>	
<b>Vicky White - Secretary</b>	

<b>Marc Crundell - Treasurer</b>
<b>Shanei Carter - Committee Member</b>

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