

# HILLSGROVE PTA

## Newsletter

Hi all,

Welcome to all the new families joining us this year and welcome back to everyone else! As parents and carers, we are all part of the PTA and play a vital part in raising funds to improve the school experiences for our children. Please do get involved!

We're looking forward to a more 'normal' year for fundraising with plenty of fun events for you and your families to take part in.

We are currently raising funds for the new Key Stage 2 playground equipment and our [JustGiving](#) page is still open for donations should you be able to donate. We have raised over £4000 since Easter, thank you! We still need to get to £5500, so please keep giving and sharing the link to family and friends. Please head over to [PTA-Events](#) to register (if you haven't already). This is where you will be able to purchase your copy of the Lockdown Annual and tickets to all future events, including the pantomime in December.

If you have any ideas of ways we can raise funds this year, please do get in touch.

Following our AGM last week, we'd like to say a huge thank you to Jud Bannister for her years of service to the PTA as Treasurer. Stephanie Ahemor has taken on this role, thank you!

Kirsty Meekings (PTA Chair)

### Lockdown Annual

We have a few copies of The Lockdown Annual still available to purchase at the 'early bird' price of £10. We will get more copies printed, if the demand is there. Don't miss out on owning a copy of this amazing book. It really is a wonderful keepsake documenting the experiences of our school community during the pandemic. It is full of photos, poems, recipes and games. Head over to [PTA-Events](#) to purchase your copy. Do remember you'll need to sign up before being able to make a purchase (if you haven't already done so). Books ordered online will be handed to the school office to be sent home via your child. We will also bring remaining copies of the Lockdown Annual to the Harvest Festival for you to purchase then with cash or card.

### September Issue 2021

### PTA Committee

**Chair:** Kirsty Meekings

**Vice-Chair:** Nikki Brooks

**Secretary:** Laura Brownlow

**Treasurer:** Stephanie Ahemor

### Can you help?

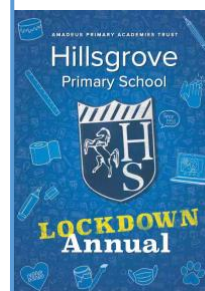
We're holding event planning meetings on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**September at 2pm** in the Parent Room at the school (come to the office to sign in) and on **Tuesday**

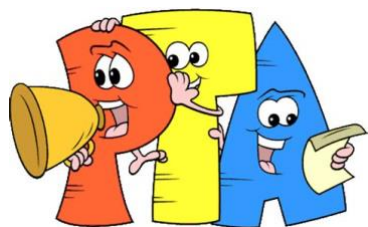
**5<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm** at The Foresters Arms, Upper Wickham Lane. Please come along to get involved.

Contact us via links below to share your ideas and offer your time.

We would love to hear from you if you have a business that can help **sponsor** our events and projects or could donate prizes for events.



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### THANK YOU...

...to the following local businesses for their financial support with producing the Lockdown Annual and for making donations to the playground fund: [Sounds Alarming](#), Upper Wickham Lane; [All Pro Security](#); [Epic Integration](#); [Hayshine Pharmacy, Wrotham Road](#); Costcut, Hadlow Road; [Karia Dental Practice, Hadlow Road](#); [Topkapi Brampton Road](#); [Robinson Jackson, Welling](#); AGUA Limited, Brampton Road; Frying Squad Wrotham Road; Lessness Stores, Lessness Avenue; Harry's Kebabs, Welling High Street. It would be wonderful to repay their kindness by shopping local and giving them our support.

### Rudolph Christmas Cards and Gifts

After the success of last year, we are participating in the Christmas cards and gifts initiative again. Your child will bring home a completed Xmas design on their order form. Please **complete the form** and **return it to your child's teacher** by **15<sup>th</sup> October**. **AND**, visit [PTA-events](#) to complete your order and **make the payment** for the items you're purchasing. Then we will be able to match up designs and payments and get these orders sent off. Your purchases will be returned to school in early December to come home with your child. No cash is to be sent into school.

### Make the Rules Day

We are holding a Make the Rules non-uniform day on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. The School Council reps are excited to be given the task of deciding on the rules that will be set for the day, watch this space for a full list of rules to follow for ONE DAY ONLY!

### Easy Fundraising

Don't forget to use Easyfundraising when shopping online for free cashback donations to Hillsgrove PTA. We've raised over £550 so far with [Easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) at no extra cost to you!

### Preloved Uniform and Costumes

We have a collection of preloved school uniform and costumes for school fancy dress days. Lists of these items are on our closed Facebook page and on [PTA Events](#). Please email if you require specific items/sizes. If you have items to donate, please email the PTA to arrange dropping these off.

By using this service you are helping to prevent wearable clothing from ending up in landfill and it helps to save money along the way too.

**We will have a second-hand uniform stall in the entrance hall by the office on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 3pm.**

### Upcoming Events

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October** deadline for Christmas cards and gifts design/order to be sent back to school and order completed on [PTA-events](#)

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

Y4 Harvest Festival 2.30pm (teas and coffees provided by the PTA, donations welcomed)

Second hand uniform available to purchase from 3pm in the entrance hall

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Make the Rules Day (Non-uniform)  
**Santa Dash** (date to be confirmed)

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

After School Pantomime

**15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas performances (teas and coffees provided by the PTA donations welcomed)

### What we are raising money for...

We are currently raising funds to replace the play equipment in the KS2 playground.



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