



## Welcome from the PTA at Great Creaton Primary School

When my son started at Creaton I was happy to join the PTA but wasn't sure what it was all about, I just thought it was something that all parents were supposed to do! At the first meeting I was shocked to hear that all the current members were leaving as their children were all in their last year at the school. They had all spent the last five years endlessly fundraising and it was now down to the two newest recruits!

It wasn't until that point that I had any clue about what the purpose of the PTA was and was amazed at all the 'Extra' things they bought for the benefit of 'Every' child at the school. All schools have a limited budget but small schools suffer even more and need additional financial support.

### WOW!

Look at what we have managed to raise and provide so far!

Playground improvements;  
music area, Playground  
markings etc. £1,760

Maths teaching aids over  
£1,000

Science equipment £1,000

£700 teacher wish list including  
craft items, bean bags

Renovation of the climbing wall  
£500

Projectors for the school £400

£350 for the speaker at the  
recent WWI day.

Coaches for the pantomime  
trip: £300 in 2013 and £170 in  
2014.

£170 for subscription annual  
subscription to First News.

### FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

Summer 2014, a wine tasting evening run by a parent who works in the wine trade and held at Creaton village hall. This event raised £1,800 (including £1,000 of funding from Barclaycard).

Christmas fair, December 2013, raised £920 (including £550 from Barclaycard).

November 2013, a cake sale at Barclaycard raised £742 (including £371 of funding from Barclaycard).

Scrap metal collection. Organised by a parent, this has raised c. £500 in the last year.

Bags to school raises about £100 each time it happens.

The fruit and veg boxes that we used to organise on Fridays raised about £10-15 each week, and gave a total of about £250.

The PTA Christmas Disco raised £80, Christmas cards and mugs made c. £50.

We sold some old school furniture on eBay for £180.

The Friday Tuck shop generally makes around £10 profit per week.

In addition to fundraising the PTA receives other sources of income such as Donations, Grants and Match-funding:

- Hollowell Steam donated £500 in 2014 in return for help at their annual rally, and £400 in 2013. (Hollowell Steam donated around £80,000 each year to various charities, many local to the area. The event relies on volunteers for staffing and the PTA is always looking for parents to help out by representing Creaton School).
- £200 came as a donation from a generous parent.
- We received a grant from Benyon's charitable trust

- We received a grant from the Empowerment Fund via the Parish Council
- In the last 18 months nearly £2,000 has come from Barclaycard, via their scheme to match funds raised for charity by members of their staff. In addition, a team of staff from Barclaycard spent a day renovating the old animal area, clearing the ground, laying a membrane and covering with gravel.

## CURRENT FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

Den kits - girls and boys,  
 Wooden posts with hooks, ropes and tarpaulins,  
 Painting the friendship bench,  
 Painting our school logo at front of school,  
 Painting the outside of our wooden extension - by the PE Shed,  
 Rolls of fabric of mixed colours,  
 Sofa, an armchair and carpet/rugs for the reading area,  
 Book shelves / Book Ends,  
 Support for shortfalls for trips (Faith trips / Theatre trips / Science trips  
 etc.),  
 Topic books and Reading Scheme books for older readers.

### YOU CAN HELP....

As there are only 6 members of the group we are always looking for more help and if you can spare one evening twice year to have a drink and help come up with more ideas for fundraising we would be so grateful. Apart from that we only need help on the events that you can get to and there is no big commitment.

If you would rather not be part of the team we still need help at the events if you are able to, otherwise it falls on the same 6 people to organise, set up and clear up.

Sometimes all we need is for cakes to be made so if you have a member of your family that is good at making cakes would be fantastic if you could recruit their help.

Throughout the year we have a few collections of old clothes which is converted into cash to top up our funds. If you can ask neighbours and family members to also save their old clothes we would be most grateful.

If you are a keen gardener, painter, builder or carpenter we could also really do with expertise in the grounds to maintain our wonderful garden. Normally once or twice a year some parents help to tidy up the grounds, the more people who join us the more we can get done.

Do you work for a company that could match fund fundraising events or donate items for our annual raffle, assist with marketing, printing, signage, technology?

Go to Easy Fundraising and every time you purchase something from a number of websites (Amazon, John Lewis etc.) it will automatically donate to our school **JOIN NOW**: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

We have a Facebook page which if you join we can use to communicate about events and you can have your say if there is anything particular you would like us to fundraise for. Look for 'Friends of Great Creaton School'.

Thank you for all your help and support,

Lucy Murphy  
 Chairman of the PTA