

**FRIENDS OF
PUNNETTS TOWN
COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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WELCOME TO PUNNETTS TOWN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**In Partnership We Grow & Learn Together,
Love & Care, Respect & Friendship**

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Welcome to Punnetts Town Community Primary School

We would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome you to Punnetts Town Community Primary School. This information has been put together by the Friends of Punnetts Town School especially for you, as either a new family joining our school community or a past or present family. Starting school is an exciting time for the whole family. This booklet provides you with information about 'Friends' and lets you know how you can join in.

Why do we have a Friends Committee?

We are fortunate at our school to have a Friends Committee that's an important part of the school community. Over the years the committee has raised thousands of pounds which has been spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's educational experience and the school's facilities.

Our committee is about more than simply fundraising. Friends exists to provide closer links between home and school by working together, providing a social network to bring the school community together.

All parents and members of the school community are welcome to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available. All families are automatically members of Friends of Punnetts Town School when their child joins the school.

Role of the Committee

Our current committee consists of:

Joint Chairs: Elaine Chaplin & Gemma Lindridge

Secretary: Debbie Codd

Treasurer: Darryl Christmas-Higgins

Committee Members: Louise Crilly & Lucinda Steeden

The Committee meet on a regular basis to discuss events and other matters arising. Events are organised by several members of the committee and supported by the whole committee.



Volunteers

We welcome any help from parents, teachers and friends. Every little helps, so just one hour of assisting at an event or wrapping lucky dip prizes or folding raffle tickets (just a few examples) would be invaluable. If you would like to join us please speak to a committee member, message us on Facebook or email us at friendsofpunnettstown@gmail.com.

Class Representatives

Our class reps play a very important role, providing a link between individual classes, parents, and the Friends committee. We truly value the support of our class reps and their help with their communication and at events.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our Annual General Meeting is, usually, held in November and provides an excellent opportunity for all parents to come along and hear in more detail about our work, the events we have run, the funds we have raised and how the money has been spent. It is also when we elect our new committee members and check that our class reps are happy to continue.

Support from Parentkind

Friends of Punnetts Town School is a member of Parentkind, which is a national charity and membership organisation providing support and guidance to over 13,500 parent associations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Membership includes comprehensive insurance cover by Zurich Insurance plc for all our association run events and gives access to support and advice on running the association plus fundraising ideas and good practice hints and tips. Parentkind also provide resources for Parents. If you would like to sign up to their Parent e-Bulletin please visit <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/Signup>

How we raise money

Like most PTAs, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run.

- Ice cream sales in the summer term
- School disco
- Christmas welly walks and Summer Fairs
- Christmas and Summer Raffles
- Christmas, Mother's Day and Father's Day Present Rooms
- Find the Bunny Burrow and Easter Egg Hunt with a visit from the Easter Bunny!
- Sponsored events like our Bounce-a-thon.

Donations from parents are extremely important. You can donate time, money, items for sale, and raffle prizes. If you or a friend of relative have any occupations/skills which we might find useful e.g. a DJ, member in a band then please do contact the committee.

The School Lottery

We have our own school lottery. This is run through yourschoollottery.co.uk and anyone can sign up and help raise funds for our school: [Support Punnetts Town Community Primary School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)



How we spend the money we raise

The Friends committee are responsible for deciding how our Friends funds are spent. We have a 'Wish List' from the staff of the school and we choose as a committee which wishes we will fundraise for. Our ultimate aim is to provide the school with the entire wish list but in the short term we look for a range of wishes which cover children of all age ranges i.e. not all items will benefit just Early Years as well as wishes which benefit both the curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

We also invite input from parents too, so if you have an idea of something that would benefit all the children in the school, please do share it with the Committee. We can discuss it at a meeting and feedback.



Funds are typically spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. Our Constitution commits Friends to spending money on things that will benefit the children directly.

Current items on the school wish list include:

- Front canopy for Beech and Hazel outdoor space
- Electric and insulation for the outdoor cabin, painting of the room and installation of a whiteboard
- Elms outdoor area to be extended
- Headsets
- Outdoor improvements

So, your support and contributions really are very important to us and the wider school community.

How we keep you up to date

If you have access to Facebook, please join our Friends of Punnetts Town School page <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Punnetts-Town-Community-Primary-School-284146781597412/>. We love posting details of what's happening on Facebook and find this a valuable resource for gaining outside support for our lovely little school. We also send messages out via Studybugs when organising our events.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school!