

Eyam PTFA Chairs Report July 2023

Hello! I am Helen, Chair of Eyam Primary PTFA. The PTFA meet termly as a parents, teachers and friends of the school to plan fundraising events that:

- will be fun for our children
- will enable the families and friends of the school to enjoy time together
- will partner with other projects in the community and
- will raise money for our wonderful school.



The money raised enables us to supply our school with equipment, resources and opportunities that would not be available to the school and our children otherwise.

This year we have hosted many events including, a whole school disco celebrating our Y6 Leavers with a fun photo-booth, an Easter Activity and craft afternoon- including an Egg Decorating Competition, thank you to the Church for kindly letting us display the children's creations! The children designed their own Christmas card design – an ever popular source of cards for family and friends. Eyam Gardeners kindly visited and helped the children plant sunflowers and onions for Eyam Show - thank you for a wonderful afternoon! We have raffled off Christmas Hampers raising £477, had a stall at the Victorian Market, provided a free pre-loved uniform stall each term, enjoyed a school film night and Valentines Disco too!

Whilst parents provided transport, the PTFA funded the tickets for Owls to play with the Halle Orchestra in Manchester at Bridgewater Hall, an absolutely breath-taking experience! Earlier in the year they funded the older Squirrels at the Young Voices massed singing event in the Sheffield Arena. The July rainstorms cancelled our Summer Fayre event, but a quick-thinking parent kindly cooked off the sausages from the planned BBQ in the shelter of his kitchen, sold hotdogs and raised £150 that afternoon (and stayed dry!). We also hosted a games on the yard afternoon and a summer raffle with some fantastic prizes donated raising over £270– thank you everyone for generously donating prizes!

We cannot mention fundraising without highlighting the extraordinary efforts of the Bonfire Committee! The children love to be a part of the event making the bonfire rat after school and we spend an afternoon making bonfire lanterns in preparation too. The event raises an enormous amount of money for the school, and we are so grateful. In 2022 the funds raised enabled the school to purchase a new multipurpose library with cosy seating and many new non-fiction books which are all enjoyed enormously by the children.

The PTFA are proud to have funded outdoor furniture, library books, glockenspiels, transport for school trips to Lea Green, Tamworth Castle, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, and beyond, enabling the school to keep the costs of school trips to a minimum. We are looking forward to hosting more events in the new school year, starting with a welcome coffee morning for all parents and carers old and new in September.

Eyam Primary PTFA are so grateful for the ongoing support from our school and wider community, and we are very much looking forward to getting together again in September to plan the year ahead. We meet each term to plan for the term ahead and love to hear new ideas, so please come along! Whether you can run an event, bake a cake, DJ at the disco, sell tickets, donate brick a brac, honestly, any support or donation is never too small and will always be appreciated.

You can also **join the parents WhatsApp group for all this information**, just ask another parent who will help to add you to the group.

We hope you've had a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Best wishes,

Helen Everatt

Eyam Primary School PTFA Chair