



Cunningham Hill Infant School Society (CHISS)



PTA NEWS

It's been a while since our last newsletter. Things have been slightly chaotic this year with a lot of disappointment, but we hope you've stayed safe and sane through it all, despite home schooling! (Hats off to us all by the way). We want to thank you immensely for all the support throughout these bleak months. We couldn't do it without you!

As you may know, the PTAs from the Infant school and Junior school will be merging to have a brand-new PTA called Cunningham Hill Schools PTA (CHS PTA) to organise joint-events. This is a very exciting time, it will make things much easier for all, including parents with coordinated events. We will need a new committee though, both Adeline and Florine will be stepping down, and we would love to see the PTA continue to grow and raise funds for the kids – the sad reality is that if there are no volunteers, there won't be a PTA unfortunately.

We will hold our AGM on July 14th on Zoom at 8pm. It's open to everyone, and you don't have to join the committee to attend, you can just get your voice heard, we always welcome new ideas. Please, do join us!



Many thanks to Harvey & Emma for the beautiful new logo.



What do we do?

CHS-PTA is a registered charity, and our goal is to make Cunningham Hill Schools a better place for children to learn and spend time in.

Our role as a PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is to encourage closer links between home and school. We have a **social function**, through our **fundraising** events, we provide an opportunity for parents, staff and students to get together, and develop a sense of community.

Roles

Chair / Co-chair - The Chair directs meetings, making sure everyone's views are heard and everyone is involved in the meeting. The chair delegates tasks to other members and volunteers, and checks they are completed.

Treasurer - The Treasurer ensures accurate financial records are kept and best practice procedures are followed for counting money, banking and making payments. She/he should keep the committee updated with regular reports, and ensure end of year reports are completed for the association's AGM.

Secretary - The Secretary supports the Chair to build effective communication links between the school and the association and maintains accurate records.

Sept 2020/June 2021 Fundraising

So far this year, between the Infant and Junior PTAs, we have raised **£13,463**

This has been thanks to successful school fundraising events including non-uniform days, Bag2School collections, virtual sleepover, Christmas hampers, silent auction, Christmas raffle & tombola, virtual balloon racing, an individual half-marathon fundraiser, your generous donations to the school tablet funds and many, many more!

The amounts raised have been used for:

Infants: Purchasing 20 iPads, providing surprise Christmas, Easter gifts, Virtual Disco, setting aside money for a whole school trip to take place every three years

Juniors: Purchasing 80 Huawei tablets + 8 docking stations, Skills Builder initiative, setting aside money for a whole school trip (e.g. KidZania) to take place every four years

Dates for the Diary

As disappointed as we are that the Circus couldn't happen this term, we can still look forward to the event on September 3rd!

June 28th – Second-hand uniform collection

Drop off in front of the offices.

July 1st – Infant & Junior Second-hand uniform sale

Stay tuned for the next sunny day, so we can set shop under the canopy in the Junior car park for a socially distanced second hand uniform sale (Honesty box or PayPal pool)

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8AzOEz5PMN>

July 2nd – Non-Uniform Day for £1

As the Circus is postponed, we will not gather donations for the Kids tombola at this time, but will collect £1 instead if you're able to. You can drop cash in the classroom or use the PayPal pool.

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8AzNKj6Tqq>

July 7th – Virtual disco hosted By Disco Factory UK – INFANT ONLY

Join us for a free fun-packed virtual disco. 1 ticket per family. 2 slots available 4pm-4.45pm or 5pm-5.45pm.

Book your slot on <https://www.pta-events.com/chspta>

The children at Owl Club will have the Disco party at 4pm in the Junior hall with social distancing.

July 14th– PTAs AGM - Election of new committee @8pm

July 15th – “Cheering up goodie bags” raffle

Thank you for all the great donations we received last week! Instead of a tombola, we will prepare mini hampers and goodie bags with all the bottles and chocolates we received and Amazon vouchers!

Get your raffle tickets on <https://www.pta-events.com/chspta> (raffle tickets will be put on line soon, we'll let you know when they're available)

Mr Tavender will do the draw on the 15th, live on the CHS PTA Facebook page. Join us

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cunninghamhillschools.pta>

Until July 15th – Online Silent Auction

Log into PTA-Events and find our auctions for the great prizes we had gathered. Bid and hope nobody outbids you!

Bidding available from today on <https://www.pta-events.com/chspta>

July 19th – Fun activity – INFANT ONLY - TBC

The PTA is planning to organise a surprise fun activity for the Infant school.

July 20th – Non-Uniform Day (no donation required) & Second-hand uniform collection

September 3rd – Circus!

As this is the first day of school, the PTA won't be able to organise stalls and food for the event unfortunately. You will get a refund for the food already purchased, and then have the option to either keep your seats, get a refund or donate to the PTA.

Many thanks!
the PTA committees



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