

THE PTAWHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?

Passionate parents raising funds for your child's school.

We are incredibly proud to announce that last year we raised over £10,500!!

We couldn't have done it without you, so a big thank you to everyone who helped, or came to one of our events.

The PTA are all volunteers. We are all parents, passionate about our children getting the best from Hillmead. So where does this money go and how does it help your child?

Did you know that last year, the PTA

- * Donated £4,000 towards the new music room.
- * Funded over £3,500-worth of new play and sensory equipment for children in EYFS and KS1.
- * Gave £3,000 for enhanced learning – that's £300 for each class teacher to spend on extra learning tools and classrooms items for your child's benefit.
- * Paid for your children's class Christmas parties and crackers with their Christmas dinner.
- * Gave more than £700 in vouchers to all parents towards the new school uniform for our children.
- * Paid for coaches for trips to Young Voices, Year 6 Hilltop residential trip, Year 4 residential trip, and a trip to the Christmas panto for years 4 and 5.

And so so much morewithout your support and the PTA dedication and commitments, these results don't happen.

So where does the money come from?

Last years Top 4 Events

Hillfest 2018 - £4526

Xmas Cracker Movie night - £2193

School Disco - £1150

Mini Marathon - £923

Money raised since September already!

The PTA have already raised £1,543 from the Halloween Disco!! This money will all go back into the school to support your children and their learning.

NEXT BIG EVENT

We are very excited to confirm our next big Event will be a Sponsored '**Hop, Skip & Jump**' on Thursday 28th March.

MEET THE NEW TEAM

Chair - Zoë Blackery

Vice Chair - Faye Hardy

Treasurer - Jane Wilkins

Secretary - Jodi Short

They are supported by a number of general committee members.

HANDS UP IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP

We always need more volunteers. Without parent volunteers, events just can't go ahead. And that means less funding for the school. Whether you're interested in helping with a specific event as a one-off, or becoming a more regular helper – any time you can give really does make a difference.

Can you help to double our money?!

If you work for a company that has a MATCH FUNDING POLICY, any money you raise for the PTA may be 'matched' by your company. That can mean instantly TWICE as much money to help your school and your children!

Don't think it applies to you? You don't need to be a member of the PTA committee or run an event yourself to benefit from match funding. If you help with PTA fundraising or events in any way at all – your employer may match a proportion of the funds we raise.

Who offers it? It's often big corporates, like banks, building societies, insurance companies and supermarkets that run match funding schemes. But smaller companies can too. It's worth checking out with your employer. Come and talk to one of us in the PTA if you're not sure how it works.

No time to help? Raise funds whilst you shop

We know not everyone is able to help with PTA events. But that doesn't mean you can't support us and help us raise some money! And there are some easy quick wins that everyone can do. You don't even need to leave your desk!

Hillmead PTA are registered with a couple of online fundraising schemes, which give a donation to the PTA, every time you shop online. We've raised more than £3,200 over the last few years through one of these schemes.... think how much more we can raise if all the parents at school signed up!

How does it work?

Just register with one of the schemes below, selecting Hillmead PTA as your 'cause'. Then, just remember to click through from their website whenever you shop online with one of their partner organisations (Amazon, Argos, John Lewis and Sainsbury's to name but a few), and they'll give a percentage donation to the PTA.

It couldn't be easier – set it up now, and you'll be helping the school while you finish off your Christmas shopping – or every time you do your weekly online shop.

* Easy Fundraising - www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hillmeadpta/

* The Giving Machine - www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/hillmead-school/

Looking to donate?

Finally... We know some people prefer to support us through one-off donations to the Hillmead PTA charity. If this is something you're interested in, please contact **Jane at treasurer@hillmead-pta.org.uk** for a Giftaid donation form.