

### All about us

Friends of Lyndhurst is the PTA and all parents, carers, teachers and staff at Lyndhurst Primary are automatically members. Hello!

We aim to enhance our children's education and opportunities at school

- **By stimulating communication.** Creating a better understanding between school and parent
- **By providing a community.** A great way to get to know other families in the school is by popping along to meetings, working together on fundraising events, and attending social events
- **By fundraising.** We raise thousands of pounds each academic year to improve our children's school experience and the school's facilities

### Who's Who 2018/19

Chair –

**Richard Leeming**

(dad to Kate Y4 and Eric Y1)

Co-Secretaries –

**Emma Fung**

(mum to Theo Y3 & Alexia Nursery)

**Carly Hamilton-Smith**

(mum to Raphael Y2 & Ruby Nursery)

Co-Treasurers –

**Robert Hickson**

(dad to Charlie Y5)

**Kate Koczvara**

(mum to Sofia Y1)

### How we communicate with you

Via a secure online platform called Classlist that is like a virtual school gate. Sign up here: [www.classlist.com](http://www.classlist.com)

We also send out a regular newsletter with the school newsletter on Fridays and have a page on the school website.

### What we do

FOL organise the following events during the school year:

- Quiz Night
- Summer Fair and Winter Fair
- Playground bake sales
- School discos
- A Pimms bar at the Playground Proms
- A Mulled wine bar at the Winter Concert
- Lyndhurst Family Walk

We have regular meetings on the first Friday of every month at 9am (nb: day and time may change in the new academic year). Everyone is welcome to all the meetings and events.

### Non-fundraising events

Easyfundraising – register to automatically give a free donation each time you shop online

Printer cartridge recycling – drop old cartridges into the school office where they are recycled in return for a donation to Lyndhurst.

### What do we do with the money we raise?

Spending proposals are submitted to FOL by staff, parents and pupils, published schoolwide and are then debated and voted on at dedicated Spending Meetings. So everyone gets a say in how our funds are spent.

The PTA funds are usually spent on extras that cannot be covered by the school budget. Here are some highlights from the past school year:

- subsidising school trips to ensure every child can attend;
- a chick hatching experience for the Reception classes;
- a new school piano;
- co-funding the very popular Science Week – in 2019 it was all about The Animal Kingdom and both dangerous and farm animals visited school
- supporting the school's library spaces project;
- a sandpit for Early Years

### How you can get involved

All our events and activities rely on the time, skills and goodwill of all of us – busy parents, carers and teachers. Everyone can help through volunteering with an activity or event or sharing ideas on how to improve what we do.

There are also some defined roles that help FOL run smoothly:

#### **Class reps**

An important and very rewarding role. Class reps spread the word about FOL events and activities to their networks, and often organise social events like parents' drinks evening or end of term

picnics for their class or year. It's fun and you can make of the role what you want!

Class reps are usually appointed at the first meeting of the new school year. If you would like to know more, or volunteer to be the class rep for your new class, please email [Lyndhurst.pta@gmail.com](mailto:Lyndhurst.pta@gmail.com)

#### **Committee: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer**

These roles are often shared and the tenure runs for a year. We all vote on these positions at the AGM. These role holders are volunteer parents and carers, just like you. No special skills or qualifications needed – just enthusiasm and a desire to contribute to the school community. If you would like to join the committee in one of these roles, please drop us an email at [Lyndhurst.pta@gmail.com](mailto:Lyndhurst.pta@gmail.com)

#### **Can we help?**

As you are settling in to the school, if you have any questions or comments, or if we can help in any other way, please do get in touch.

In the meantime, get in touch with fellow new parents by signing up to Classlist at: [www.classlist.com](http://www.classlist.com)