



FRIENDS OF BOWHILL PTFA

Hello to all new parents and welcome to Bowhill Primary School.

We are a small but very active group of parents and carers who run the Parent, Teacher and Friends Association, the PTFA. The PTFA is an integral part of any school as we support the school financially with projects and equipment to help provide our children with the best resources and experiences to enrich their time at Bowhill School.

We are a mixed group with children in year groups throughout the school; some of us are new to the team, while others have done 7 and even 10 years with the PTFA! The PTFA charity has supported equipment, activities, and events for children from reception right through to the soon to be leaving year 6 children. That might be some way off yet, but we know every child gets a little extra something during their time at Bowhill because of the monies raised by the PTFA.

All our financial support is raised during the academic year when we hold several events from our massive Summer Fete and Christmas Fayre to a Valentines chocolate bingo, school discos and most recently with the need to become virtual, an online Pet Show and virtual balloon race! During the year we hold several raffles where children and families can win a large Christmas Hamper full of goodies, an Easter Egg and during the summer fete a range of brilliant prizes donated by local businesses for family days out. Most of our events are cost neutral and we are a registered charity, so we do rely on donations from local businesses who never stop amazing us with their generosity and support.

Over the past couple of years, we have been able to buy new musical instruments and sports equipment for the all the children to use, reading books for KS1, plants for the sensory garden and providing a new home for the school guinea pigs! We have provided some wall-based games for the children in the playground and recently games equipment for each class to use during playtime as requested by the children. Each year we pay towards the class Christmas parties and class gift from Santa as well as the leavers books and hoodies for the Year 6 children going on to High School. This year we know the children were sadly not able to attend school or see their friends for most of the year, so we decided they deserved an extra special treat, and we treated all the children in the school to an online Christmas panto of Cinderella to watch in their classrooms with their friends. We even provided them with popcorn and a drink to enjoy with the show. This is just some of the wonderful things we have been able to do thanks to the support of all the families of Bowhill School.

We work very closely with the school and a teacher representative attends our meetings with the school head teacher, Mrs Dentith also attending where possible. Our meetings are held roughly every 6 weeks and while some are on the school premises, we do favour the ones in the local pub where a nice meal and a couple of drinks certainly make the meetings much more social (and are even classed by most of us a night out!) The team are friendly, approachable, and most importantly we enjoy being part of the PTFA team. We appreciate for some of you this will be your first child at school and joining something like the PTFA is daunting as we have all been there, and for some this may be a sibling now joining the school, but either way if you are interested in what we do and would like to join our team and make a difference please do email us on the email below. A member of the team will be more than happy to tell you more or arrange for you to meet us. We welcome all new members, new ideas and anyone with the drive and ambition to help support our children.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Bowhill Primary School in September.