



PTA Newsletter May 2021

I would just to say thank you to everyone who took part in the Smartie Challenge in February half term – we raised a fantastic £287.15! The children certainly gave Mr and Mrs Harrison a tricky job to pick the winners for the most unusual jobs! There was also a prize for the most jobs completed. The winners were Freya Roddam, Ashley Storr and Jessie Coulthard.

We are looking at holding a fundraising event in the second half of the summer term – more details to follow once we know what the restrictions will be.

Volunteers Required

We are requiring volunteers to help one weekend to help assemble the new garden shed and also move the existing shed as this is going to be used for storage for wellies and waterproofs for Class 2. We are very lucky and have been donated from E & N Farrers some sub base which will be used as a base for the sheds. It would be great if you could help as many hands make light work....I have heard that bacon rolls and cake will be provided! If you are available, please pass your name to Mrs Lawson and then a date will be arranged.

Air Ambulance Collection

Thank you to everyone who delivered and collected the bags around the local area. We had another very successful collection raising £323.20 for PTA funds and also for GNAA. Another collection will be arranged for later on in the year.

Please remember the following ways in which you can support the PTA:

Amazon Smile

If you are anything like me and you regularly shop at Amazon, it is simple to donate (at no extra cost to you) 0.5% of the net purchase price to the PTA. Last year alone we raised just over £100 for PTA funds by support from family/staff etc. To set it up:

Log in with your normal Amazon details to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

You should get a page asking you which charity you would like to donate to – search for Irthington in the box and you should be able to click Irthington Village School PTA as your charity of choice.

That's it – just remember that you must shop at smile.amazon.co.uk as it doesn't work through amazon.co.uk

Donations to the PTA will be deposited in the bank account on a quarterly basis so don't worry if it says we haven't received anything for a while.

Please don't forget to shop through smile.amazon.co.uk or your orders will not be eligible. More information is available if you google 'FAQ about AmazonSmile.'

Co-op Funding

We are part of the current Co-op Local Community Fund. During this time, Co-op Members will be able to select us as their cause. When you buy selected Co-op products and services, 2p for every £1 you spend goes into your Co-op Membership account (benefitting you) and the community fund (the PTA) also get the same amount. Please go to www.coop.co.uk and login to your account to choose our fantastic PTA to benefit from this funding. If you aren't already a member you can sign up online for £1 and the PTA and yourself can benefit from the Co-op Members Scheme.

Last year we were very grateful to be selected for the Co-op Local Community Fund and we received £2,806.95 which we have spent on the new picnic benches and the shed which is still to be assembled. We are also looking to purchase some storage for the bikes and trikes for Class 1 with the funds.

Facebook

The PTA have a closed group on Facebook – search Irthington PTA and click on the button to ask to join. We will try and keep this page up to date.

WhatsApp

We also have a WhatsApp group which is used to plan events etc. Please can I ask that if you are a member on this group that you only use it for discussing PTA business. If you would like added to this group, please could you pass your details to Mrs Lawson in the school office.

You can also catch me on Wednesday – Friday mornings or at the end of the day on a Friday if you would like to discuss anything.

If anyone has any ideas for future fundraising events, please feel free to speak to me in the school yard or you can send me an email: PTA@irthingtonvillage.cumbria.sch.uk

Many thanks
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PTA Chair