

Welcome to the UCPS PTFA newsletter. We'll be sending a newsletter out every term to let you know what we've been up to and how you can get more involved. If you want to get in touch, send us an email or join our socials using the links at the bottom of the page.



### PTFA committee members

We welcome Laura as the new secretary. Expressions of interest for the role were invited in November and Laura was voted in by the committee on Thursday 16 November. We also bid a fond farewell from the committee to Sarah Rummens who has stepped down from the co-chair position.

#### Chair



**Ian Bartram-Paddan**

Ian directs our committee meetings, making sure everyone's views are heard. He makes sure all committee members are familiar with the PTFA's constitution and their role and responsibilities as a committee member and trustee (we are trustees as

Ursuline PTFA is registered as a charity). Ian holds the casting vote on any decisions where there is a tied vote, usually deferring the matter to the following meeting to allow more time to consider and discuss.

#### Secretary



**Jayne Donoghue**



**Laura Clinch**

Laura and Jayne support the committee and they are our main communication with the school. They maintain accurate records and minutes of meetings, make sure we are GDPR compliant, provide updates to the charity commission and handle any correspondence that comes through the PTFA email account.

#### Treasurer



**Natalie Murphy**



**Joanne Lennon**

Natalie and Joanne make sure all committee members carry out their duties in relation to the control and management of PTFA funds. The PTFA committee are collectively responsible for finances and must therefore formally agree to any spending of funds. However, it's the treasurer's responsibility to ensure all financial transactions are presented and recorded correctly.



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#### PR and Communications:



Jenny Hill



Jennie Hughes

Jenny and Jennie manage the PTFA social media accounts and newsletter, and support the committee with promoting the PTFA more widely.

#### Key Stage 1 and 2 reps:



Emma Sargeant  
(KS1)



Emma McComish  
(KS2)

Emma and Emma have one of the newest roles on the committee, they are your representatives to the PTFA. They will voice your ideas and concerns to the committee and play a key role in organising events throughout the year.

You can get in touch with any of the PTFA committee members by emailing [ursulineptfa@gmail.com](mailto:ursulineptfa@gmail.com)



#### Dates for your diary



COMING SOON!

Back by popular demand, keep an eye on our socials for more announcements soon!

#### Friday 1 March: Leap year disco

Reception, Years 1 & 2: 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: 5pm to 6pm

Tickets are available via our [SumUp](#) store (closes at midday on Wednesday 28 Feb)

Own clothes day for all children in school

#### Thursday 7 March: World Book Day

Story time and hot chocolate for the children

#### Thursday 28 March: Easter parade

There will also be Easter egg hunts for the children during this week

#### Wednesday 5 June: Thank you day

Bring £3 into school and choose a gift (including card and wrap) for your special person

#### Friday 5th July: Ursuline Summer Fayre

Our annual Summer Fayre date has been set, more details to follow

We're always looking for volunteers to help out in the lead up to our events and on the day, so please [get in touch](#) if you'd like to get involved or have any suggestions.



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## Fundraising

Thank you to everybody who's contributed to PTFA fundraising. We're really pleased to have raised more during our Christmas events to be able to fund some key resources for the school.

### Christmas 2023

We hope all of the children had a wonderful time in the run up to Christmas. We'd like to say a massive thank you to everybody who helped out and made donations to our Christmas events. Here's a round up of what was raised:



- Your donations for Breakfast with Santa raised £203. This event made a loss this year, so we may need to look at how it's funded next time.
- Donations on Christmas Party Day raised £180.
- Our Christmas Fayre raised £2387.
- The Christmas card project raised £215.

These events couldn't happen without you, and we rely on your donations to fund them. We've listened to feedback about not having cash on you to add to the buckets on the gate and we've set up links to donate online if you're unable to on the day, we'll continue doing this for future events. As always, please only donate if you can.

### Reading Spine books

"Thank you to the PTFA for the new books. It will make such a difference to use in Key Stage 1. We are over the moon, thank you!"

**Mrs Graham and Mrs Pritchard**

### Year 6 residential to the Lake District

We've contributed £1600 to the Year 6 residential trip to YMCA Lakeside in April this year.

### World Book Day

We've also funded books for World Book Day. Reading Ambassadors are unpacking the texts and helping to prepare whole school plans for the day on 7 March. Keep your eye on our socials nearer to the time to find out what's happening on World Book Day.

### What we'll be funding next

Our aim to is to use any funds raised to support all pupils across the school with funding for projects that they will all experience once or as an ongoing event.

The committee have just agreed to fund the building of an outdoor reading shed for children to access at dinner times and play times. This will offer huge benefits to the children academically, socially and emotionally, including:

- Being able to engage with books in a relaxed environment to improve their reading skills.
- Creating a cosy and inviting outdoor reading space can foster a love for reading as it's associated with positive feelings.
- Being outdoors can help reduce distractions and promote good focus for reading.

The children will be involved in helping to set up the reading sheds and looking after the contents, creating an increased sense of responsibility for them.

The school have also asked us to help them set up an Ursuline Hub, a shared space for parents to get together. We'll let you know more about this in our next newsletter.



*Ursuline PTFA is a member of Parentkind, an organisation who underwrites our constitution. See [www.parentkind.org.uk](http://www.parentkind.org.uk) for more information*