



July 2021... Happy Holidays and Prizes!

And so it comes to the end of another strange but wonderful year! A massive thanks to everyone who has supported the PTA activities this year, we hope you can all see what can be achieved if we all work together. If everyone can just give a little time, the impact we can have is massive. Have a look on the next page at what we have all managed even with the challenges.

A very sad goodbye and thank you to our **Year 6 parents**, especially those leaving the school, for everything you have done for the PTA over the past 7 years or longer (dependent on how many kids you have!) You have left an amazing legacy and we are all incredibly grateful.

We are delighted to announce our first '**PTA Volunteer of the Year Awards**', which will hopefully be a yearly thing. This can be nominated by anyone and the Chairs will decide the winners. So for our inaugural year:

- The first award goes to the fabulous **Nikki Prince**, whose daughter is in year 6 and will sadly be leaving us this year. Now many of you might think by year 6 all Parents/Carers would give up as their child is leaving, but Nikki has been driven to raise as much as she possibly can for **our children** before she leaves, and we can only say thank you so much! The amount we have already raised towards the Shepherd Hut is a testament to her work. She has been at Hever for 13 years, she chaired the PTA for five of those and anyone who knows her knows she is a true PTA Powerhouse. So thank you Nikki, you have been an inspiration. ❤️
- The second award goes to our treasurer **Jenny Alexander** who unfortunately is stepping down at the next AGM. Jenny took on treasurer as an Acorn mum and has juggled this work and kids for the last 4 years, however she is keen to support whoever takes over. Jenny has worked tirelessly whilst in post, introducing new systems making everything run smoothly, as well as being a regular volunteer and providing a lovely calming influence on the somewhat excitable committee. Thank you Jenny, all the trustees have loved working with you. ❤️
- Finally our third award goes to the 'PTA Rep of the Year'. It is a great time to thank Reps for all their support this year, as you have really all been wonderful. We are so excited to award the Rep of the Year to the Acorn Reps. **Karen Ellwood** firstly is a Rep Superstar, keeping her class updated and reminded of everything they need. But on top of this she has stepped into the Secretary role with the PTA where once we can finally get together, she will, I am sure organise us in no time. She has written the first funding proposal for the PTA for our Shepherd Hut – we find out what she has secured us in August! Thank you Karen. ❤️
Secondly **Alex Enston**, as well as being an Acorn rep, led the first online Xmas Fete we have ever run which raised over £400 for us and is a core part of the cookery book team, which will be ready for purchase next term. Thank you Alex. ❤️

We are so lucky to have such wonderful volunteers so thank you all and thank you to the school who give us so much support, allowing us to fundraise.



What you have all helped us pay for this year:

1. Christmas Pantomime and Christmas Parties
2. Year 6 Hoodies
3. Class donations during COVID - £200 per class
4. Forest School training for 2 teachers
5. Approx £5000 (including some anonymous donations) towards the Shepherd Hut
6. AV upgrade at school
7. Easter and Christmas treats

I am sure you will all agree even with all the challenges we have all done an amazing job and created some great fundraising as well as some lovely experiences for our children.

Final Fundraising Updates

Smarties Challenge – A massive well done to **ELDERBERRY CLASS!!!!** Who won the Smarties Challenge, raising over £5.50 per child! We will be discussing your prize with Mrs Draper this week. Thank you and well done to all the kids across all the classes who took part.

Summer Stalls – In lieu of a fete this year due to the restrictions, we are still delighted to say we raised over £400 towards the Shepherd Hut as well as having lots of fun! Thanks again to everyone who attended/helped and for the WWYLD donations that made it possible.

Donations – We are really driving this year towards the Shepherd Hut, we are waiting to hear back about 2 grants, but if you would like to make a private donation towards this amazing project please let us know. We will keep you updated on progress throughout the summer via the school facebook page.

Thinking about Next Year

Over the summer the Trustees will be looking at all the smaller volunteer tasks that can be broken down and distributed across the school. We will send them out via FB/class reps, please have a think how you can help. The more people who can help the more likely the Trustees will stay on as the load is shared.

We also love to hear new ideas – if you want to deliver something just let us know!

Have a lovely summer everyone!

The PTA Trustees

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