



'CONNECTED'

KSM PTFA - bringing parents, teachers & friends together
BY PARENTS FOR PARENTS - SPRING 2019

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

Known by most as Miss Greenslade, Kim's been Head Teacher at Kingston St Mary Primary School since 2011 (Acting Head Sep 2011 – Dec 2012). Before that she was Assistant Head & Acting Head at Creech St Michael Primary School after starting her teaching career at Holway Park Primary School. Kim's input is absolutely essential to help steer our fundraising and make sure the money we – parents - help raise is spent on what's most needed by the children and school.

So how much of a difference do parents make? As Kim explains – a lot! "In the past two years alone, parents have raised a whopping £15,000 for the school! In my time here, parents have helped buy Promethean Smart boards, iPads, reading schemes and supported the cost of school trips as well as other teaching equipment for the classrooms. All of these are important, but for me, the biggest achievement is funding the Outdoor Classroom in the playing field. This fantastic outdoor space allows teachers to take full advantage of our beautiful rural setting and get children outside learning. Costing over £15,000 there's no way we would have been able to afford this without the generosity of parents and the hard work of the PTFA".



Funded by YOU for kids to enjoy!
The new outdoor classroom
paid for by parent power.

HEAD TEACHERS WISH LIST:-

Here's what we can help buy for the school next.....2019 here we come!

Long-term Fundraising Projects:-

- Outdoor seating.
- Canopy for outside the hall.

Short-term:-

- Continue to contribute to school trips and magazine subscriptions for the school library.
- We are in the process of updating our curriculum and to make it work we will require some additional resources across all subjects.

WHAT'S NEXT - KEY DIARY DATES

- Parents/PTFA Quiz Night Friday 15 Mar – Have you got YOUR team sorted yet?

SO WHAT EXACTLY IS A PTFA?

PTFA simply stands for Parent, Teacher & Friends Association and is for everyone who's part of the school or involved with the children here. It's a way of funding stuff the school CAN'T because it just doesn't have the budget. Everyone's welcome and you don't have to officially join - just come along/get involved as and when you can. There are some Committee roles like Treasurer, Chair and Secretary which people can volunteer for, BUT being involved doesn't commit you to more than you're willing to do. It's a great way to get to know other parents.

SHOW ME THE MONEY

What parents have raised so far this year:

*Jumble Sale £571.72
 *Xmas £991.24 including £500 Lloyds donation, First Friday cakes, Pick a Present, Christmas Craft Fayre, Guess weight of Cake, Nativity & Carol service refreshments. Thanks to all the Mums and Dads, Grandparents, Friends and Teachers who helped.

*****Running total so far...£1,562.96 *****

YEAR GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

We are very pleased to say that the idea for Year Group Reps was welcomed by parents and staff plus volunteers have come forward for every year group.

Yr R – Ella's mum, Liz

Yr 1 – Chloe's mum, Lisa

Yr 2 – Steffan's mum, Kay

Yr 3 – Archie's mum, Lin

Yr 4 – Freya's mum, Gemma

Yr 5 – Fern's mum, Lyn

Yr 6 – Freddie's mum, Nicola

It's voluntary and flexible but designed to help:

- provide a social contact group for parents.
- channel ideas for specific class fundraising.
- support/help with parental logistics (e.g. lifts to sports fixtures).
- connects parents and class teachers (NOT for educational/behavioural/personal issues).

****Get to know your class rep and share any ideas****

JUST EAT IT!

Losing the plot with fussy eaters? Check out our 'recipe to the rescue' with parents' favourite tricks. This time it's 'rice sandcastles on the beach'!



Just use a cup to shape the rice and voila!

Share your top fussy eating tricks with us next time - Email Trudles1@me.com.

BOOK IT - SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

Reviewed by Aoife, Age 9

"I love Wed Wabbit by Lissa Evans because it's very gripping and I couldn't put it down! It is about Fidge's sister Minnie's favourite book, the Wimbley Woos, who are big coloured cylinders - 'In many different hues are the Wimbley Woos'.

Pinks give cuddles, Greys are wise and rarely wrong, Oranges are silly, Purples are knowledgeable, Greens are loud, Yellows are fit, and so on...

Minnie's toys, together with Wed Wabbit, Fidge, and her cousin Graham, plus his relax toy Dr Carrot, all get mixed up in the land of Wimbley Woos where bad Wed Wabbit rules!". 'DON'T LAUGH...HE'S DANGEROUS!!!!'



Submit a Review of your fav book for next time and you can win a book token courtesy of the PTFA – Result! Get your mum or dad to send it to: Trudles1@me.com.

KIDS' CORNER What's it like being the oldest in school...By Freddie, Age 11

Do you love being the oldest? I don't really feel like I am the oldest – everyone in my class is the same age as me but I was born a few months before them.

What's your favourite thing parents have helped fund? The Outdoor Classroom.

If you were in charge of the PTFA budget? I would like to have enough classrooms for every year group and all the classrooms to have air conditioning.

SAY WHAT!!

Did you know...

Now it may just be a rumour but we've heard that the Police are going to start issuing tickets to parents who park on double yellow lines outside school come Feb so worth taking that extra time to park safely!

Brex-it!

No not THAT one, we're talking about Ready Brek! If you ever feel a bit guilty about letting your kids eat chocolate chip cereals consider this - in the 1970s there actually was a 'butter' flavoured variety of Ready Brek. Oh how times have changed! *Source Wikipedia

Where's me jumper?

How annoying, you buy a new school uniform for your child and - 10 minutes later – it's too small! So why not bag a bargain - you can buy decent used school uniform through the PTFA or at the next school Jumble Sale. Grab a PTFA contact in the playground if you're interested

DO YOU.....

- Like having a natter with other mums and dads?
- Have particular skills you could share?
- Have a bit of spare time here and there?
- Want to be more involved with your child's school?
- Have lots of good ideas but no time?

WHY NOT VOLUNTEER TO HELP?

Join in as a one-off, for a specific event or just when you can – no long term commitment required, just a friendly helping hand, and ideally a smile! Just grab a **Year Group Rep** or **PTFA** contact in the playground and have a chat and a cuppa.

OTHER PTFA/PARENT CONTACTS:

Lin (Archie's Mum)
Trudi (Aoife's Mum)
Tash (Anna/Charlie's Mum)
Sam (Emily's Mum)
Corrine (Maddie's Mum)
Suzanne (Eleanor's Mum)

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