



Helping Hands Newsletter

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New Year Update

Hopefully everyone has had a happy new year so far! It has been a difficult start to the school term and so we have been a bit quiet, but there has been lots going on in the background that we'd like to share with you all.

We are now a registered charity, which gives us lots more access to funding and grants for the school and we are hoping to start applying for some of these in the coming months, as well as deciding where we should start spending the money we raised before Christmas.

Below is a bit of information about the PTA, our goals and how we are hoping to achieve them.

We would also really value your opinion regarding how you feel funds should be raised and where you would like to see the money spent, so we have provided a link to our short, anonymous, survey below. If you could spare a few minutes to fill this in, we would be interested to receive your feedback!

Our Goals And How We Plan To Achieve Them

The PTA is governed by a constitution which we must follow and this dictates that we must spend the money we raise solely on activities/resources that further the education of the children in our school....But we would also like the children to have some fun too!

So we feel the best way to achieve this is to hold discos, stalls, non-uniform days and other fun things the children will enjoy, charge a small fee for these events, and use the profits on anything we, and the school, feel the children need to further their education and wellbeing.

If you would like to have a say in how you would like to see us raise funds and which areas you feel these funds should be spent on, then please follow the link below and complete our short survey. The survey is completely anonymous and non-identifiable, we will not receive personal details or details of email addresses.

[Helping Hands Survey Link https://forms.gle/chLSh52sGb8Xc8cY6:](https://forms.gle/chLSh52sGb8Xc8cY6)

Other News Easter Raffle

We have managed to secure some more fantastic prizes for our Easter Raffle! Tickets will be on sale for £1 each and will be available to purchase after half term (more details to follow, including prize list)

The raffle will be drawn on 8th April after our Easter stall.

Plant A Tree For The Jubilee

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

Schools were encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the official planting season between October to March.

We have contributed to this special initiative by planting 5 assorted fruit trees around school, which were gifted free of charge by the Tree Council. We were also gifted a Queen's Green Canopy Plaque which can be seen at the front of one tree!

We hope that we have supported creating a greener UK and a legacy in honour of the Queen's leadership of the nation, which will benefit future generations. We look forward to watching the trees grow and produce fruit, which the children can pick and eat!

Finally the school has been added to the official QGC map, which can be found at the following link;

Hanging Heaton Tree

