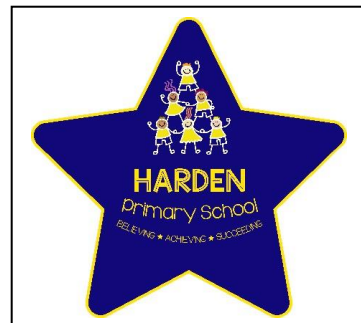




Harden Primary School

PTFA Newsletter

Spring Term 2016



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
With your help and support last term the PTFA raised
over £1500!!

Last Terms Events

The **Halloween Disco** was a huge success; the children had a great time and we raised £780. We have already contacted the amazing 'Party Mania' and arranged for them to return next year.

The **Class Tea Towels** have also been popular, with many people purchasing these as gifts and again we hope to produce something similar next Christmas. We held the **Reindeer Walk** at the beginning of December, the weather was kind and everyone who took part enjoyed stretching their legs, whilst hunting for the hidden reindeers on route. We would like to expand this event next year to include refreshments and possibly a visit from the 'Man in Red'!! Our users of '**Easy Fundraising**' have managed to raise £1000.

How has the money raised been spent?

During a time when funding in all schools is very limited, the role of an active PTFA group is vital. As a group we can help the school to make purchases which would otherwise be impossible but that greatly benefit and enhance the children's education and time at school.

Much of the PTFA's recent work has been in supporting the school to improve their outdoor space. Their last purchase was the climbing frame in the KS2 playground which cost £10,000. This sum of money was raised over a few years and several events. Our next aim is to fund a wooden outdoor shelter, for the whole school to use to extend learning outdoors and also provide a much needed shaded area in the Reception and Key Stage 1 playground. Again, these structures are expensive and we currently have around £6000 of the £10,000 needed.

Alongside this a small group of dedicated parents spent time cleaning and tidying up the Whitby Area, so it is more accessible and welcoming to the children. We hope to organise another working party during February/March time to continue this work, part of the plans would include laying some astro turf.

Spring Term Events

PTFA Meeting - Monday 6th February

This meeting will be held in school from 3.10 until 4pm.

School have kindly offered to entertain children whose parents are attending with colouring and a DVD.

Mother's Day Shop - 7th/8th/9th March (During lunchtime)

This has been popular in previous years and the children have enjoyed coming to choose a gift for their Mum or Special Person. Kerry Thompson has run this event for several years but has decided to make this her final year, we would like to thank her for all her hard work.

Can you help?

We are looking for -

- People who could help us wrap gifts on the afternoon of 5th March between 1pm and 3pm in the school staffroom. A cuppa and a slice of cake will be available. Younger preschool siblings are welcome to join you.
- Volunteers to run the shop between 11.30 - 1.15 on any or all of the days (7th/8th/9th March). This would involve setting up/tidying away and helping the children to choose and label their gifts.
- Someone who may like to run this event next year; by getting onboard now and shadowing the organisation you would get a feel for what's involved. The role includes shopping for and wrapping gifts, producing tags and then co-ordinating the running of the shop over lunchtimes. Please let us know if this is something which interests you.

Spring Fair - Sunday 29th April

An initial planning meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 7th March at 7pm at The Fleece in Harden, please come along if you would like to get involved.

Please get in touch if you'd like to be involved or feel you can help in anyway. Thank you.

Getting in touch.

- Message our NEW FACEBOOK GROUP, find us at **Harden PTFA Page**
- **Phone (01535 273847)** or **email (office@harden.bradford.sch.uk)** the School Office and leave a message for us with Mrs Connor
- Send a note with your child, which their class teacher will happily pass onto Mrs Connor in the office and ensure we get it.
- Post a note/message in the PTFA box in either the school Hall or at the main Entrance by the office