



# Kingsmead School



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29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

## School Funding Crisis

School funding and falling budgets are hot topics at the moment and you may be wondering how you can help your school.

## Meeting Challenges Together

While the Government is being confronted to address the funding challenges, parents are not powerless to assist their school. We strongly believe that school and parents working in partnership is the most positive way to raise money and secure the best educational experiences for our children. Did you know that last year, your PTFA raised £8,387 through fundraising, which paid for Easter eggs for whole school Easter Egg Hunt, membership and training for Girls on Board (empowering girls to find their own solutions), part funded activities week for students and donated to local charity Chase Lighthouse?

The good news is, everything your PTFA raises goes directly to providing for the school, and, in consultation with staff, parents have a say on where and how the money is spent.

This year we are looking to raise money to support the following:

1. Part-funding Activities Week – building memories for children who do not have the opportunities to do so during the summer holidays and allowing all children to be rewarded for their hard work
2. A third table tennis table for children to use at lunch – we have raised money for 2 already and they promise to be popular
3. Replacing the school curtains and lighting in the hall to support school productions
4. Robotics equipment for the new Computer Science GCSE and virtual headsets for Geography to provide exciting opportunities that go beyond the normal curriculum
5. Resources and opportunities to enhance the enrichment curriculum, allowing us to offer opportunities that really make a difference to our children
6. Fund summer games and activities for children to use at lunch time including skipping ropes, footballs and garden games.

## Get Involved

You can make a real difference! More parents involved with their PTFA means more money raised through more fun events, benefitting everyone.



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## Donations

In order to support our fundraising, the PTFA will be having a stall at The Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish council Queen's Platinum Jubilee event to be held at Heath Hayes Park on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June between 1pm and 7pm. We are looking for donations of chocolates, sweets, bottles (please ensure if donating alcohol this is dropped into Reception by parents). Please could any donations be dropped to Reception/Mrs. Benton's office by no later than Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May.

**There has never been a better or more important time to support your PTFA.**

### What value does your PTA already bring to school?

1. **Fundraising** – whether it's paying for extras or essentials, every penny directly benefits our children
2. **Fun** – our events are enjoyed by children, parents and teachers alike, and are a great way to bring the whole school community closer together
3. **Parent Voice** – discussing where PTA money is spent, talking to teaching staff and everything in between contributes to school decision-making

## Join Us

There are many ways you can offer your talents and be part of the conversation. If you would like to chat about how you can volunteer for your PTFA and be a force for good in Kingsmead School – however much or little time you can spare – please get in touch with Kerrie Benton at [k.benton@kingsmeadschool.net](mailto:k.benton@kingsmeadschool.net) or on 01543 227320. Be certain that your help will be greatly appreciated and will make a big difference.

Kind regards,

Kerrie Benton  
PTFA Treasurer



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## CHALLENGE 2022

We are excited to introduce 'Challenge 22'. For the month of May, we are encouraging our pupils to raise £20.22! You can do it individually, as a family or as a team/group. How you do this is entirely up to you.

Why not use the number 22 to inspire you!

You could...

Complete A 22km bike ride over the May month

Help family with 22 jobs

Score 22 goals

Bake 22 cupcakes and sell them to family and friends

Swim 22 lengths or widths of a pool

Make 22 crafts or pieces of art to sell to family and friends

Perform a 22 minute dance routine

Read 22 books

Use your imagination! We cannot wait to see and hear what creative ideas you come up with. £20.22 is your target for the month but there is no minimum amount needed to join in, and no maximum should you raise more. Good Luck.

Please return all forms and money in a clearly labelled envelope (name, tutor group, amount raised) to the school office by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Please share photos of your fundraising efforts via email to [k.benton@kingsmeadschool.net](mailto:k.benton@kingsmeadschool.net).

