



## THE BLUE SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

### What is the PA?

- It is an independent registered charity run by parental volunteers primarily set up to enrich the children's educational experience at The Blue School.
- It raises money to fund different projects and purchase items for our children within and around the school.

### Objectives of the PA

- To raise awareness of the role of the PA within the school community.
- To engage participation at all levels – from nursery years to year 6.
- To have a set of achievable fundraising goals – short, medium and long term that benefit our children and the school. We work closely with the school on this.
- To make everyone feel included, welcome and able to contribute.
- To enhance community relationships between school, teachers, and parents.

### Who are we?



- **Anna & George Hesed**, Treasurers (Ahava, Yr1 / Zoe, Yr3)
- **Jane Sankey**, Chair (Franklin, Yr2 / Bruce, Yr4)
- **Alison Appanah**, Vice Chair (Rocco, Yr2 / Mia Rose, prev also at Blue School but now in secondary)
- **Jen Mulford**, Secretary (Mabel, Yr1 / Logan, Yr4)
- **Sharleen Tsuchihasi**, Vice Chair (Isabella, Yr5 / Theodore, Yr4 / Poppy, Yr1)

### Communication with parents

- The Parents Association communicates with parents via several means;
  - Primarily through Whatsapp groups (all Reps are on a group with us - who then share information with classes).
  - We also work closely with the school office to share information in the weekly school newsletter, via parent email if necessary, and on the school website (PA section).
  - In addition, we use posters within school (often with children input/creativity), PA Facebook page, and messages in book bags.

## PA ACTIVITY

These traditionally include a mix of large and small community fundraisers by the Parents Association and involve fun events uniting parents, teachers, and children in a community environment....

### 2022/2023

#### Bake sales 2022/23

- Bake sale money raised in last academic year were ringfenced and each class teacher was given an allowance to spend on something to enrich their class experience. Ideas for class spend included workshops, outings, books, art and sports equipment.
- The same initiative will run this academic year – giving classes back the money they raise from their sales.

#### Uniform sale (s)

- Regular events run throughout the year selling second hand uniform....
- (And also, discretely supporting families who need donations)

#### Christmas gifts

- Personalised Christmas gifts which parents can order online (mugs, tote bags etc) raised **£526 profit** for the school Christmas 2022.
- This is achieved with fantastic support from schoolteachers allowing children to design their Christmas template at school.
- Christmas tree sales (in partnership with a local supplier) also generated **£170 profit**.

#### Class tea towels

- As above – another template initiative in the run up to Christmas which made **£1230 profit** in 2022. And again, only possible with combined PA / teacher effort.

#### Christmas Disco

- First big event in school since the pandemic was a fantastic success – with school discos for every year. Children paid to attend and could buy sweets, popcorn, tuck shop goodies and glow sticks.
- A great event for the school and community and raised **£644 profit**.

#### Pancake Day

- Children and parents could join us for pancakes after school – all pre ordered and delicious toppings selected. Easy to organise event which was enjoyed by many and raised **over £300**.

#### World Book Day – Big Book Swap

- School wide activity – our generous community of parents donated over 1,000 books which were organised by author / type / age.
- On World Book Day all children could donate £1 (optional) to select a ‘new’ book to take home. Classes were taken to the big book swap throughout school hours and parents could any left over at the end of the day.
- Great community event which raised **£300**.

### **Mother's Day / Father's Day / Someone Special gifts**

- As per Christmas activity, personalised gifts ordered for Mother's Day and Father's Day. This has been sensitively managed, and parents could choose from two different versions (Mother's or Father's Day / Someone Special).
- Profit TBC on AGM.

### **Family Bunny Bingo – 30<sup>th</sup> April**

- Family bingo sessions running after school.
- Drinks, tuck, dabber pens and extra game books available.
- Special bunny bingo caller (teacher support).
- Profit TBC on AGM.

### **Bounce for SHADE – 16<sup>th</sup> June**

- A sponsored bounce for the children (and staff!) seeing how many bounces they can do in a minute for their house team. This has been incredibly popular before (raising **£6,225** in 2022 for school library/ books).
- This year we will be raising for playground shade (ie.e sails to protect from the sun)
- Profit TBC on AGM.

### **Summer Beach Party Fair – 1<sup>st</sup> July**

- An amazing Summer beach event which raised over £6000...
- This would not have been possible without reps getting stuck in, parents manning stands, and everyone donating gifts and time.

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## **2023 Winter Term**

### **Plans to be confirmed and discussed on AGM call but include:**

- **Bake sales**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sales**
- **2023 Christmas disco**
- **Christmas personalised gifts**
- **Tea towel portraits**
- **Children's First Aid evening (with Daisy First Aid ETC)**