



# Hawes School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

Hawes Community Primary School, Hawes, DL8 3RQ

Registered Charity No: 1051024

## YOUR PTFA NEEDS YOU

Dear Parent,

In the past year the PTFA has paid for approx. £4,000 of curriculum enhancing activities for all pupils at Hawes School. Examples of these activities included:

- Fully funded trips for every class inc. coach and entry
- Year 6 leavers trip
- Zoolab visit
- Christmas sweets and Easter Eggs.
- Contribution towards puppet event
- Residential coach cost

In addition, a successful Tesco campaign was run by the PTFA and secured computers £4,000.

In the past the PTFA has also funded the purchase of a number of iPads and books. These resources would not exist if it was not for the PTFA.

The PTFA is not a compulsory element of the school and is run voluntarily by busy parents. It is not just about attendance at committee meetings, parental support is needed at the actual PTFA organized event. However, in the last year the PTFA have seen a significant reduction in wider school community support including baking contributions and support for events including the Christmas Fayre. A much higher number of children benefit from the PTFA than the number parents that contribute in some way.

The current PTFA committee have made the hard decision to suspend further fund-raising events and focus on spending the remaining monies available. Unless there is further significant support pledged from parents the Hawes School PTFA will cease to exist by the end of the school year. We desperately need least a further 10-15 active members of the committee for it to continue. The alternative is that parents will be asked to fund such events as listed above and also things such as Easter Eggs and Father Christmas sweets will no longer happen.

We are asking you to pledge your support to the school. It is recognized how busy family life is nowadays and there is not an expectation to always attend meetings or the events but to contribute in any small way you can on a consistent basis. If lots of people get involved the job is much less of a challenge and the funding levels available for the pupils increase. If you are willing to support the committee, please return the following form:

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Please return this Slip to School (please tick which option you would prefer)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How I can help:

I think the PTFA should be closed I am happy to pay for individual activities and resources.

Please return the slip by: