



Registered Charity No. 1091618

## Welcome back to school from the Ford End PTA

Firstly, a very warm welcome back into school to all of our parents, old and new. Isn't it nice to be back?

To introduce ourselves: Gemma Allen is our Chairperson, I'm the Secretary and Jan Mansfield is our Treasurer. We've all been part of the school for 4+ years. .

We have always had a fabulous PTA at Ford End. For a little school, our fundraising achievements are amazing, making on average, £3500-£4000 per year! We pride ourselves on the hashtag #smallbutmighty which is **exactly** what we are.

We put back the money into our school and unlike many, as parents, we always see the benefits. The PTA historically fund the coach to the Christmas pantomime saving many £1s per family at an expensive time of year. We've funded special History learning days and a Promote Healthy Eating workshop. We buy the children icecream at the panto, give each child a chocolate egg at Easter and an ice lolly after Sports Day.

We buy books and equipment to support the school so as a parent, you'll always see where your money was spent.

Our large recent contribution was £3k towards the new gazebo. A real investment for the school which can be used as an outside classroom (particularly important at the moment) and of course a larger place for parents to wait in the rain (after Covid of course).

Speaking of Covid, fundraising will obviously, sadly, be a bit different this year. It will certainly make it harder to raise such funds so your help and support is needed more than ever. Please keep an eye on the school newsletters for information on events and plans and purchases.

We would really love to encourage new parents to the school or existing parents that haven't been before to join the PTA. We are a very friendly bunch and we promise that you won't be signed up for everything and anything if you attend. It really would be lovely to see you.

Stay Safe.

Gemma, Faye (Ford) and Jan  
Ford End PTA #smallbutmighty