



INFORMATION SHEET FOR SCHOOL STAFF

Plaxtol School Association (PSA)

The PSA is a registered charity (1026804). Our objectives are to advance the education of pupils of Plaxtol Primary School. We fundraise for the school - and bring parents, the local community and staff together socially in support of the school. Last year (2022-23), the PSA raised over £12,000 for the school. Funds of £11,894 were donated to the School in 2022-23. This paid for new classroom furniture; a whole school trip to Tonbridge EM Forster Theatre to watch a pantomime; educational speakers to visit the school; books; musical instruments; iPads; and much more!

How we can help your class

We start the academic year by donating £50 to each year group, for class teachers to spend on resources which support the curriculum you are teaching (i.e. you decide what to spend it on).

Through the year, **you can also suggest items for the PSA to purchase/donate** to school - either for the whole school, or for particular classes / year groups. Requests need to go through Mrs Rowley, who will send them to PSA Trustees. All spending decisions the charity makes need to be approved by Trustees, and we can usually make decisions quickly. Working with school staff ensures PSA funds are spent where they have the biggest impact on learning and wellbeing!

The PSA also keeps an **Amazon Wish List**, with specific items that parents and the wider community can purchase for the school. School staff can suggest items to go on the Wish List:

www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2NMG9DTF03YSY?ref_=wl_share

How we raise money

Our funds are raised through the events we run. Some of our most popular fundraisers are: Christmas Fair and Summer Fair (including raffle and silent auction); Christmas card designs; school discos; after school cake sales and ice cream sales; and school Easter egg hunt. We also apply for grant funding.

PSA Trustees

Our current charity trustees are all parents of children at Plaxtol School: Jenny Johnson (Chair); Angela Shorter (Treasurer); Caroline Ward (Secretary); Merran Hilton; Helen Rust; and Ed Graham.

Class Representatives

PSA "Class Reps" play an important role, linking individual classes and parents to the wider PSA. Class reps can disseminate information, and help organise rotas of help for PSA events.

More information

For more information on the PSA is at: www.plaxtol.kent.sch.uk/psa/