



FPTA Newsletter June 2026

Greetings- summer is really here!

It has been a while since we produced a newsletter and, with the end of the academic year fast approaching, this seemed like a good time to put that right. The Friends, Parents and Teachers Association raises funds to support the school in various projects and whilst the money is really important, so is the great fun and memories of the events created.

The FPTA aim to raise £20,000 each year- but it's never enough. In broad terms, we receive 25% from generous donations from parents and families, 25% from grants and 50% from the fairs and events such as the Loopy-Lapathon.

This year we are introducing a 100 club (a monthly draw) to try and raise some much needed additional funding. This is open to staff, friends and family. Entry forms are attached please return to Miss Hemes in the School Office.

We are in the process of updating our website pages

<https://ditchlingprimary.co.uk/about-us/the-friends/> and we hope to get this completed before the end of term.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who have worked and contributed so much to make the events a success this year, we couldn't do any of this without your support. So far the fantastic events team have organised:

Lets Glow Disco raised £1,000

Christmas Fair/market 9inc cards and tea towels) raised £3,000

Quiz Night Quiz Night raised £1,000

Spring disco (no profit but joy for the children)

Uniform sales and bags to school raises £400

Loopy Lapathon raises £2,000 including Gift Aid

Village Fair stall and Sports day Raises £500

Apple Day stand.

A special mention to the wonderful staff who ran MudMonsters for the FPTA raising £700
The Ball raised £1,300.

Easy fund raiser raises £400 this year. Sign up details on the website.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ditchling-school/>

Still to come before the end of term:

Summer Fair and Sports Day.

So where does the money go?

We have a number of annual commitments:-

Class Wishlist's (each class has a budget to buy items that they need).

We provide laptops for the teachers.

We pay for Accelerated Reader and Nursery French Lessons

Gifts

Music lessons and scripts

Christmas decoration day

First News

The FPTA buy every child in the school a reading book for Christmas, Christmas Crackers and Easter Eggs.

AND in the last week we provided £600 for emergency fans for the class rooms.

We also get asked to support/pay for one offs for example this year these included:

Furniture £1,600

Quiet Area Gazebo £1,300

Mud kitchen replacement

Wooden wellie rack replacement

Extra Staff laptops £3,000

Children's Laptops.

For 2026-27

We are looking to help with furniture etc for the new class room, as well as the National Children's Bureau Wellbeing Award (this award looks at how the school works with pupils, staff and parents to improve their wellbeing).

Year Reps

Many thanks to the 2025-26 year reps- you have made such a difference.

Leonnie Barber' Sarah Piper, Frankie Linstead, Steph Cornish, Hannah Connaughton, Ann Souta, Donna Ewing, Laura Yoxen, Kat Chapman, Anna Ridout, Amy Keast, Hannah Chiwome, Tiff Jones and Pam Spread

The Class Reps for 2026-2027 are:

Reception - Sarah Piper & Laura Kershaw

Year 1 - Laura George & Julia Tullett

Year 2- Katie Young And Harriet Beacroft

Year 3 - Iona Cull and Tash Carlise

Year 4 - Sian Fforde & Helen Kenner

Year 5 - Helena Smith and Rhiane Davis

Thank you all so much- we are proud to have such a fantastic community school. The experiences created here are the foundation of our children and grandchildren's lives. If you would like to help let us know via the website or in person.

Have a fab Summer Holiday

Andrew

FPTA Chair