



## Ladybridge Primary School PTFA

Ladybridge Parent-Teacher-Friends Association is a **registered charity** which is made up of parents, teachers and others who have an interest in the children, the families and the school. Its role is to encourage **closer links** between home and school and to engage in activities which **support the school** and **advance the education of its pupils**.

**What we do** - PTFAs are best known for their **fundraising work**, but they also have a **social function** too. It's good to see the teachers and children in a different situation and role, and helps parents, teachers and pupils socialise together. We raise funds to provide '**extras**' – things not already provided by the school's main income from the Local Education Authority, often **fun things** to help **improve educational facilities** across school.

**How much have we raised?** We have raised nearly **£30,000** in recent years! **All children** benefit from our fundraising, and **all money** raised goes back into school.

**What is the money spent on?** We have contributed to many things, including:

- Playground equipment (£1.5k)
- Defibrillator (£650)
- Outdoor Equipment for reception classes (£350)
- Octagon trip for the school (£4.8k)
- ICT Equipment (£2.6k)
- Visualisers for the classrooms (£3.8k)

Other worthy contributions include pantomime trips for the whole school, Olympian visit, first aid course for Year 6, netball and cricket equipment, wendy house for reception, hundreds of pounds on coach travel to subsidise various trips across all year groups, and also £100 annually for every class to spend as they choose (totalling £1.4k).

**Types of events** - To raise the money we have held a **variety of fundraising events** over the years such as Easter Bingo, Halloween Disco, Christmas Fair, Christmas Secrets' Room, Summer Fair, Bollywood Extravaganza, Quiz Night, Mother's & Father's Day Secrets' Room and have made things like Christmas cards and tea towels. We are always looking to try something fresh, and **new suggestions are very welcome**. We are a charity ourselves, but we also support other charities e.g. Macmillan coffee morning and we donate items such as unwanted clothes to Bolton Hospice etc.

## We need you!



In order to make the events fun and exciting and raise money to support our pupils, we are always looking for as many volunteers and donations as possible, as well as good attendance at the fair. You can help at any event by helping **set up** or **clear away** on the day, volunteering to **look after a stall** (even if only for half an hour), donating any raffle or auction **prizes**, providing cakes or other **food donations** (shop-bought, with **no nuts** please) and **wrapping prizes**. If you have a skill such as hair braiding, face painting, photography or anything else, please feel free drop us an email at [PTFAladybridge@gmail.com](mailto:PTFAladybridge@gmail.com)

Whatever your skills are, we can utilise them and we cannot do these events without you! So please join us, see what it's all about and help us raise money for school while having a great time 😊

Keep your eyes open for a list of this year's events and meeting dates which will be sent home with your child.

