

BEWCASTLE SCHOOL PFA

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,

I hope you have all had a lovely half term.

The parents and friends' association (PFA) are seeking new members to join our committee.

Some of our current members have decided now is the right time to take a step back as their children are moving on to secondary school.

We would like to thank them whole heartedly for their generous time and contribution towards many years of fundraising.

We would like to welcome new volunteers, especially those who have children attending the school to join our committee.

We only have 2 or 3 short meetings a year, which are usually at the end of a school day. Children are supervised by a member of staff during our meetings, which are very informal and friendly over a cuppa!

New ideas and helping hands are always welcome.

Last year the PFA raised £ 900.00. This was achieved by running our annual 50 club, various raffles, Air Ambulance collections and joining forces with the Swimming pool committee to organise Gin & Bingo nights and Afternoon Teas.

The PFA are there to support every child in Bewcastle School.

School has a limited budget for extra curricular activities. Therefore, this is when the PFA step in.

The committee have subsidised numerous educational visits and transport costs, which is vital due to the cost-of-living crisis.

These have included a visit to the Transport Museum in Glasgow, The Oriental Museum in Durham and Tullie House.

Funding has also been used to support outdoor education, such as walking Hadrian's Wall and the Cumbrian Way.

The PFA also contribute towards the annual Christmas outing. This is usually a pantomime at either Newcastle or The Theatre by the Lake.

Every year we fully fund the school Christmas party, supplying party food and a present for each child with a visit from Santa!

This summer the PFA have made a generous contribution to the London educational visit, happening later this month. And we've subsidised the cost of the Yr 6 leavers hoodies too!

We would love to continue to support our young people with their learning, life skills and having fun!

It would be great if you could join us at our up - coming meeting (TBC)

For more information, please speak to any of the PFA committee or Emma Little at school,

We look forward to seeing you,

Thankyou for your support on behalf of the Bewcastle School PFA Committee.

Joyce Waugh (Chairperson)