



**North Newton
Community Primary School**
"Together We Achieve"

Headteacher report – November 2022.

Many thanks to the PTFA team and their hard work over the year. Since starting at the school in September, I feel so privileged to have such a dedicated and hard-working staff and PTFA at our school. This was clear during the May Fayre which raised a considerable amount of money.

The children have settled in extremely well since September and have taken part in a range of activities. The Harvest festival and the KS2 Remembrance service went extremely well when our children excelled in their singing performances. We have bought into the extra sports activities kindly funded by the PTFA and the children have already taken part in cross country and football events. There are several more events mapped out over the year for our children to take part in. Soon, we will be taking a group of KS1 children with Little Steps, our local preschool, to Gotton Manor Residential Home to sing some Christmas Carols. Our KS2 choir children will be taking part in the village carol service at our local church. We are busy preparing and practicing our whole school nativity performance 'Bethlehem' on the 13th and 14th December. I am very keen to bring back regular celebration assemblies for parents to join in with. We are looking forward to our KS1 Christingle service with Little Steps in the church. We will continue to update the PTFA section on our school website and can add all the amazing activities we do. Over the year I would like to investigate further having more events e.g. a festival of light.

Today I asked both staff and children about their potential wish lists for our school which I have shared with you below.

Some of these are long term projects which will benefit the whole school:

- Develop the brick building by making it into a whole school learning space for art, computing, drama and a space for celebration assemblies.
- To update our laptops, software across the whole school and to develop our technology resources bee-bots, roamers, cad cam software, art drawing packages.
- Replace the outside shelter into a outdoor learning classroom
- Develop a forest school area in the construction space
- Our PE sports kits are not up to the standard of some other schools in the local area. An idea put forward was for the PTFA to buy all children a set sports kit, where when children have outgrown the kit parents can replace the kit at a cut price.
- Play equipment for lunch times
- More benches in the quiet area with a canopy
- To develop an arts wall of learning

- To have new notice boards on the school building and gate/fence to celebrate the wow learning children do.
- To enter in 'Young voices' for next academic year – there is a cost involved with this event
- To have different events across the year for children to take part in – Arts week, Science week, History week, Invention week etc.
- I would like to have maths, English and Art, parent workshops where children can share their learning.

I would like to see the PTFA continue to flourish at North Newton Primary School where we as a whole school stand out. It is a super way of bringing our families together; socialise, extend friendship groups, and offer new opportunities for parents, grandparents to spend quality time with the children.

I am truly grateful for the hard work and commitment of the PTFA. The school would certainly be a poorer place (and I don't mean just financially) without it.

On behalf of the pupils, parents, staff, and governors I would like to express our sincere thanks for the time, effort, and energy the PTFA give to improving North Newton Community Primary School.

Thank you

Mrs D Leach
Headteacher