



Wednesday 7th May 2025

Dear Parents /Carers,

RE: PAWS Needs your help

Firstly, we would like to say thank you to everyone over the years that have supported both our schools, by participating in events, and donating money through various means. It means a great deal to both schools.

I am writing this letter on behalf of all members of PAWS, which consists of myself, Emma, (Chair + Secretary), Vicki (Treasurer), Poppy, Ola and Helen. So, as you can see, there is only five of us that represent the PTA from the parents' side. The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention just how much we do, including behind the scenes, and to reach out for more help.

The PTA has been running alongside Wootey Schools for quite a few years. I have only been part of it for the past two years, in which time I have had amazing help and support learning the role from both Headteachers and the staff. However, this past year has proved to be increasingly challenging for us and we wished we could do a lot more to help raise funds for our wonderful schools.

The Christmas fayre went well but to create this event, the brilliant Santa Grotto and the other stalls, took a week to properly set up. Last year's Summer Fayre also went well too, considering it was held on the hottest day of the year. We only had limited help from a couple of parent volunteers, PTA and staff and it was a race to get things completed before the fayre started.

I give the examples above because without much help, we really do struggle to run events and to plan anything on a more ambitious scale. We, as the PTA also cannot keep putting pressure on the teachers and staff members to do so much for us when they have the main task of teaching our children. We really do need more parent help.

If there is anyone who can help us, please can you put your names down, along with what support you could give. This could be stuff you can do at home, helping to set up the hall, ticketing a tombola or clearing up. Any help, even half an hour, would be appreciated.

At Easter we came close to not opening the Cake sale as no parent support was available. If we don't have enough volunteers (whether that home based or on the day) we can only do

what we can, and that will may mean that both schools will not benefit as greatly from our funds as in previous years. PAWS money is vital in helping school trips to be subsidised and more affordable for parent contributions. Without money from PAWS the schools cannot provide the extra-curriculum experiences our children enjoy so much. We also provide essential funds for Year 2 and Year 6 leaver events.

We, as the PAWS PTA, hold regular meetings which all parents are invited to, please keep an eye out for messages from the schools, or on our Facebook page for the dates. If you can help us, please simply leave your name and contact number at either school office. **All help is welcome.**

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and hopefully we can find a way forward with a bit of extra help and support from our lovely Wootey Community.

Yours sincerely,

Emma, Vicki, Poppy, Ola and Helen.
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