



Twiss Green Parent, Teacher and Friends' Association  
Registered Charity Number 1140113

2011

# Trustees' Annual Report

2012

## Purpose of the Report

This report is an end-of-year summary which explains how Twiss Green PTFA has met its charitable objects. If you are a member of our school community or you have supported our school by sponsoring us, donating prizes or attending our events, this report is written for you.



Twiss Green Primary School  
September 2011

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## Forward

Twiss Green has a very active Parent, Teacher and Friends' Association (PTFA). I have been working as a teacher for almost twenty five years and worked in four different schools and yet I never cease to be amazed by the level of commitment to our school shown by so many of our parents, grandparents and friends.

The main objective of the Association is to work in partnership with the school in helping to advance the education of the pupils and in reality this means supporting and organising events and donating the proceeds to the school in the form of new equipment or improvement projects. In the current economic climate the role of the PTFA has never been more crucial. Government funding to schools for capital projects has been slashed by 80% in the last two years and the long term effects are extremely worrying. In the past the PTFA has enabled us to purchase sports kit, science equipment, computers, play equipment, interactive whiteboards, landscaping improvements, books and equipment for the orchestra. They have also ensured that the children have been able to take part in educational visits which are extremely enjoyable but can sometimes be prohibitively expensive.

This year they have donated £8000 towards the much needed refurbishment of the Year 5/6 shared learning area. This refurbishment was part of a rolling programme of building improvements and could not have taken place without the support of the PTFA. The staff and more importantly the children are delighted with the final result.

This week I have been showing prospective parents around the school and have not only pointed out the amount of equipment that has been provided by the PTFA but also highlighted how much fun they can have by supporting the broad range of activities that they organise. School funding in the future may be a cause for genuine concern but with the support of such a fantastic group of people I feel that the future enjoyment and enrichment of our children's school days is guaranteed.

Lesley McGann (Headteacher)

## Committee Reports



### Mrs Fiona Sutton-Wilson: Chairperson

This has been an exciting and challenging year for the PTFA. We have raised nearly £14,000 and spent nearly £20,000 on enhancing our children's education!!! We have tried to satisfy the needs of pupils, teachers, parents and governors alike, making huge efforts to be as inclusive as possible in our decision-making. I extend my gratitude to our active membership and especially those who have co-ordinated and led events and activities. To my fellow committee members, I give my upmost respect for the collaborative management of the charity's business.



### Mr Richard Platt: Vice-Chair

What a great year for the PTFA, especially for the Grounds Sub-Committee, which has made some fantastic improvements to the school grounds. Special thanks to Alan Leech, Sarah Jameson and Carrie Anderson. As a Sub-Committee, we are grateful to all of the parents who have turned up to help us re-lay the woodland path and keep the grounds looking fantastic!

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#### Mr Les Styles: Treasurer

So much seems to have happened and yet the last twelve months have flown by. We have had a series of successful events and introduced new sources of income with Bag-2-School and easyfundraising contributing nearly £1000 this year. To cap it off we have spent a record £20,000 on behalf of the children.



#### Mr David Owen: Secretary

I've enjoyed this last year as secretary of the TGPTFA immensely. It's great being so involved in how the PTFA aid the school and the children, and makes me feel like I have an important part in how my own children's school life develops.

## Other PTFA Roles

Role	Parent Volunteer	Activity
Uniforms	Mrs Jane Lorton	Took 160 uniform orders giving us a commission of £565.80 for school which goes directly to the School Fund.
Vouchers	Mrs Julia Heald handed over to Mrs Jane Lorton	We have collected and spent 9277 Tesco voucher points this year and 26909 Sainsburys vouchers. Pupils chose a variety of educational and sporting facilities for the school from catalogues provided by each scheme.
Licences	Mrs Julia Heald handed over to Mrs Sarah Jameson	Licences are required for the sale of alcohol at open events, costing £21 per licence.
Scholastic Book Club	Mr Andrew Tinkler and Mrs Caroline Tinkler	As well as providing us with excellent book bargains, this scheme has raised £325 (awaiting final figure) which goes directly to school.
Easyfundraising	Mrs Justine Doyle and Mr David Owen	This on-line fundraising scheme has raised £154 this annum. Anyone can name "Twiss Green PA" as their designated charity and raise money for school while they shop.
Bags-2-School	Mr Nigel Fuller	Anyone can make fabric-based donation including rags, clothes and curtains. We have held three collections this year raising £690.
Mwanjati Village School Trust	Mrs Chrissy MacAreavey	Thanks to Chrissy and all her helpers, bakers and buyers for continuing to support the school we funded and continue to support, in Africa.
Calendar	Mrs Fiona Sutton-Wilson	This project took nine months and depicted every child in school, on the month of their birth. The calendar included a handy family planner and raised £637.
Raffle	Mrs Lesley Stevenson	The Christmas and summer raffles are a valuable source of income, especially when fund matched, raising nearly £3000 (included in the Summer Fair and Christmas Fair figures).

# Main Activities

## Autumn Term

Event/Activity	Year	Lead	Output	Net Raised	Open/ closed	Social/ Fundraiser
Party in the Park	Committee	Justin Doyle	Family Picnic in the school grounds.	N/A	Closed	Social
Cheese & Wine and AGM	Committee	Justine Doyle	Social gathering prior to Annual General Meeting.	N/A	Closed	Social
Tea & Tissues	Committee	Justine Doyle	Information sessions for Reception parents.	N/A	Closed	Social
Halloween Disco	3	Fiona Sutton-Wilson	Family fancy dress disco at the Village Club.	£320	Closed	Social
Harvest Sale of Goods	Committee	Fiona Sutton-Wilson	Sale of goods in the school hall following the Harvest festival.	Money managed by School	Closed	Fundraiser for Overseas aid
Musical Fireworks Extravaganza	4	Hilary and Alan Leach (Y5)	An exciting firework display to music, fairground rides and stalls.	1113	Open	Fundraiser/ Social
Bag-2-School	Committee	Nigel Fuller	Bags of heavy fabric brought to school sold to redistribution company.	£140	Open	Fundraiser
Ladies' Evening	6	Karen Farrell	Evening of beauty treatments and shopping for women.	£813	Open	Fundraiser/ Social
Victorian Day	5	Janet Bradshaw	Sale of Christmas raffle tickets to the local community.	In Xmas Fair figures	Open	Fundraiser
Christmas Fair	5	Lisa Price	Seasonal Stalls, Father Christmas, children's activities, bar – lovely family event.	£3161	Open	Fundraiser/ Social
Coffee, Cakes and Carols	Choir	Alison Norris	Choir and Orchestra performances for older people in the community who may usually struggle to attend social activities.	N/A	Open	Social
Christmas Ball	1	Helen Maddison & Judith Porter	Sparkling event to end the year for parents and teachers alike – a sell out, glamorous ball!	£187	Closed	Social





## Main Activities (cont.)

### Spring Term

Event	Year	Lead	Output	Net Raised	Open/closed	Social/Fundraiser
Spring Disco	R&3	Tracie Cotton & Fiona Sutton-Wilson	Infants disco followed by junior disco in school. Thanks to Pete Ramsden for the disco.	£445	Closed	Social
Bag-2-School	Committee	Nigel Fuller	Bags of heavy fabric brought to school sold to redistribution company.	£280	Open	Fundraiser
Community Day	Committee	Sarah Jameson	Joining Newchurch and Culcheth Primary Schools to raise funds on the Schools Together stall.	£83.15	Open	Fundraiser
Ground Force	Committee	Richard Platt	Practical maintenance and gardening in the school grounds to create an educational environment for pupils.	N/A	Closed	Social



### Summer Term

Event	Year	Lead	Output	Net Raised	Open/closed	Social/Fundraiser
Titanic Ball	Committee	Fiona Sutton-Wilson, Hilary Leach & Alan Leach	Summer Fundraising Ball with Auction and Disco	£1678	Open	Social/Fundraiser
Summer Fair	2	Lisa Ramsden	Traditional stalls and activities for children. Fun for the whole family.	£3897	Open	Social/Fundraiser
Strawberry Tea	Choir	Chrissy Macareavey	Choir performance, tea and cakes...yum!	Money managed by school	Open	Fundraiser for Breast Cancer Care
Bag-2-School	Committee	Nigel Fuller		£270	Open	Fundraiser



## Sponsorship

Sponsorship is a vital element of our fund raising and social activities. Without the generosity of our sponsors we would not hold such fabulous events or be able to offer such excellent prizes. Some of our most generous sponsors are our members – your contribution makes a real difference.

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## Public Benefit: What have we achieved for our children?

TGPTFA organises and promotes events which are open to the membership (parents, teachers and friends) and/or the local community in order to meet the *Objects* of the organisation. Some events are social to develop effective relationships between the parties (such as the Christmas Ball); others promote community cohesion (e.g. Coffee, Cakes and Carols; Strawberry Tea) and others (e.g. Christmas Fair, Summer Fair) raise additional funds to provide equipment/facilities to support the School and advance the education of the pupils at the school. It is worth adding that many of the events serve more than one purpose. For example whilst the annual Musical Fireworks Extravaganza raises funds, it is also very much a community event bringing together all ages across the village and ensuring everyone has a safe Bonfire Night.

This year fund raising efforts have contributed to school trips, the refurbishment of the junior bay, seven iPads, grounds maintenance, entertainment at the school Christmas parties, Year 6 leavers' presents and a defibrillator and many smaller items throughout the school year.

If you are a member of the PTFA and you have ideas about the sort of things we should have in school, please come along to a meeting and share your ideas.

We hold regular meetings (usually every half term). All members are welcome to come and join in, find out what's happening and share their views. The meetings are friendly and informal, but we get the business done!



### Recent buys...

**Above:** Seven iPads for use across the school.

**Left:** A life saving defibrillator and training for nominated staff and volunteers.

## Charity Details

Charity Management	The management of the Association is invested in a Committee comprising of four charity trustees (formerly the PA officers). For the 2011/2012 session they were: Mrs Fiona Sutton-Wilson (Chair), Mr Richard Platt (Vice-Chair), Mr Les Styles (Treasurer) & Mr David Owen (Secretary).	
Charity Address	Twiss Green Community Primary School Twiss Green Lane Culcheth Warrington Cheshire WA3 4DQ	
School Management	Miss Lesley McGann (Head teacher) Mrs Annick Platt (Chair of Governors)	
Finance	<b><u>Bankers</u></b> NatWest Plc 446 Warrington Road Culcheth Warrington Cheshire WA3 5QS	<b><u>Independent examiners</u></b> Styles and Co Accountants Limited Heather House 473 Warrington Road Culcheth, Warrington WA3 5QU
Membership	Parents, guardians and carers of children at school; school staff (both teaching & non-teaching) and any person over the age of 18 wishing to offer appropriate support or help to the school and who is accepted by the Committee as a Member.	
Charity Status	Registration Date: 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2011 <span style="float: right;">Registration Number: 1140113</span>	

## Charity Objects

The object of the Association (the *Objects*) is to advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by:

- 2.1 Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school;
- 2.2 Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.