

# Friends of West Cliff 2024-2025

## Welcome to 2024-2025

We would like to officially welcome everyone back to the new school year and we hope that the first few weeks of term have been fabulous for you all.



Our first PTFA meeting of the year took place on Monday 23rd September and we thought it would be good to introduce you all to our fabulous members. We are delighted to announce our new members, Simon Williams, Chloe Stringer and Jennie Landers along with Alex Hartley, Sophie Hesketh, Maddie Hilson, Jess Teare, Jess Ridley and Anna Wood. Please feel free to grab any of us with any ideas, queries or fundraising support that you may have.

## Working procedures of the PTFA

As a group of parent and teacher volunteers, it is our hope that we can provide events, activities and fundraising ideas across the year that not only provide much needed monetary support for our children, but also providing fun for the whole family. Although we run as a separate organisation to school, we are still bound by the policies and ethos of West Cliff and the YEAT academy. Our primary aim is to raise money to support our children's activities, but we do not act as representatives on behalf of the wider parent community. If you do have any parental concerns regarding your child or the school policies, please raise these through contact with your class teacher, head teacher or governing body.

Last year the Friends of West Cliff were able to provide and support every single school trip that every class took part in, either by covering the whole cost of the trip or subsidising the cost per child by a very substantial amount. If we average a class of 25 children going on a trip which requires a bus (£200.00) and then an activity which requires an entry fee (£7.50) we are looking at a total cost of £387.50. This in turn would put the average cost per child at £15.50. Last year trip to the Sealife Centre each child was asked for a donation of £5.00.

Without the support of the PTFA either two things would happen, the cost of a trip to each family would rise significantly or there would be so little support that these trips would simply not be able to take place at all. If you are able, your support is so valuable for all our children to continue to help enrich the learning of our children as much as we can, whether this be through attending events, donating



goods or offering support. We thank you so much in advance for anything that you do throughout the year, and we hope to have another successful year.

### **Aims and Objectives for 2024-2025**

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the school survey before the summer holidays.



In one of the questions we asked for any parental ideas that you wanted the fundraising to support.

After looking at these as a PTFA, there was an overwhelming number of responses that wanted the money raised to continue to support trips and events in school, such as the Christmas parties. We will continue this support throughout this year by either covering the full costs or through subsidisation.

Another popular idea was to raise funds for a structure and/or activities for our playgrounds, in particular on the top playground. So we will be earmarking some of the fundraising to be put towards this too. The PTFA will work in conjunction with school, particularly the wonderful school council so the children have a huge input into what they would like this to be.



### **An Overview of the Year**

We hope that what we are trying to achieve this year has been made clear to everyone. The exciting events that we are hoping to provide and organise this year start with our Halloween disco, the Christmas Fair, a sing-along movie night, Easter bingo, an adult quiz and disco evening and a summer fundraiser. As well as raising funds, we will be providing refreshments at events throughout the year. We hope that there should be an event that we can all enjoy with this varied bunch of ideas and we look forward to seeing you all throughout the year.

Remember, every little donation or act of support is not for nothing, it is for all the wider opportunities that we want for our children! Thank you all so much.

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