



# Friends of Southover School PTA NEWSLETTER

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## A belated welcome back to school from The Friends of Southover Primary School PTA

**Dear parents and carers.** A warm welcome to all our returning families, and to those joining Southover Primary School for the first time. A new school year means fresh opportunities, exciting learning, and of course, plenty of fun events organised by your PTA.

If you missed our AGM last week, don't worry! An infographic on the next page of the newsletter highlights everything we achieved together last year.

## Why join the PTA?

Being part of the PTA is a fantastic way to support your child's school experience. We fund enrichment activities, resources and projects that benefit all pupils. More than that, it's a chance to connect with other parents and carers, share ideas, and have a real impact on school life.

### Get involved

Whether you can spare a couple of hours, bring a creative idea, or offer organisational skills, there's a place for everyone. Volunteering can mean helping at a single event, sharing a skill, or attending a committee meeting. Every contribution makes a big difference.



## Welcome to our new secretary

**We're delighted to welcome Richard Hortan as our new secretary.** Richard, dad to two daughters in Year 1 and Year 6, brings 20 years of professional experience plus a strong background in community and committee roles, including his current position with Lewes FC Juniors.

Richard says: "Beyond my experience in governance and communications, there are two things I hope to bring to the PTA. First,

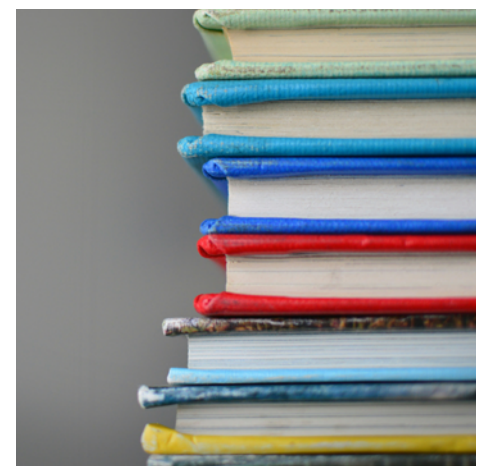
fundraising: since 2020 I've raised over £10,000 for charities such as Moorfields Eye Hospital, Doorstep Library and the Shannon Trust, and I hope to bring the same energy to Southover.

"Second, I'd love to see more fathers involved. Right now, only a handful take on class rep or volunteering roles. I want to encourage dads to get stuck in and help make our events even stronger."

Please join us in giving Richard a warm welcome as he helps steer our fundraising this year.

## First purchase of the year

Over the summer, we bought two fabulous John Lewis play kitchens for Reception ready for the children to enjoy from day one. Here's a snap of them in action (and yes, the ice maker is brilliant, even for grown-ups assembling it!).



## Book sale success

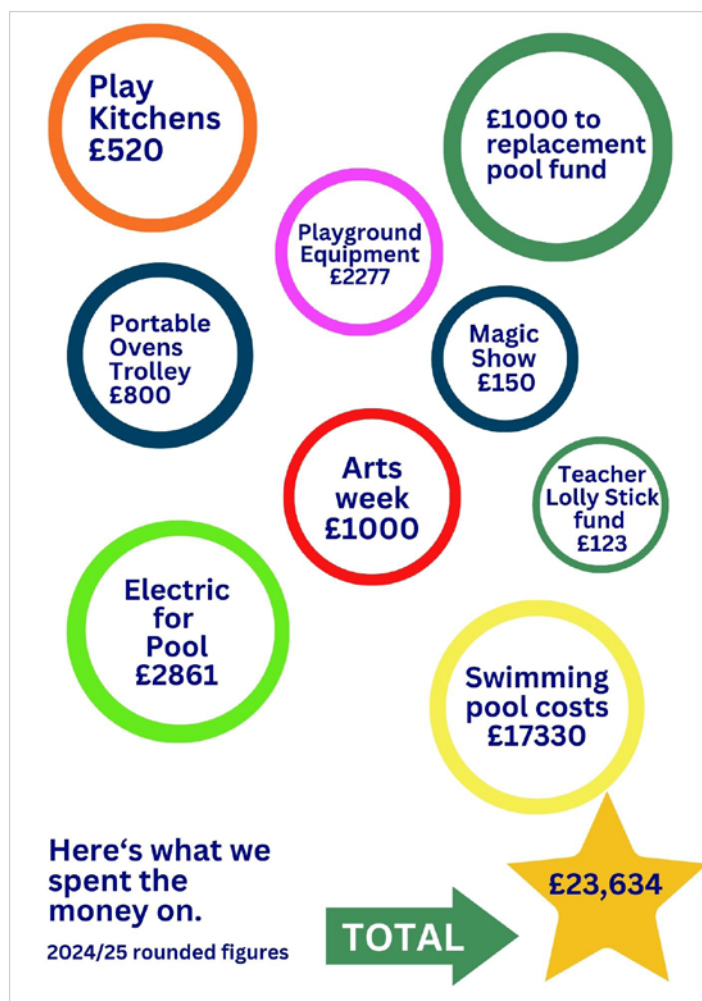
Our after-school book sale raised £58.35 (we're still wondering about the 35p!). Even better, 232 books found new homes. Thank you to everyone who came along, and a big shout out to those who stayed behind to help pack away.

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### Coming up...

- > **Pre-loved uniform sale**  
**Thursday 16 October**  
After school in the playground.
- > **Monster Mash Disco**  
**Friday 17 October**  
6-7.30pm. Tickets: £3.50 (adults & children). Available from Wednesday 8 October via [www.pta-events.co.uk/southover](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/southover).
- > **Next PTA meeting**  
**Tuesday 11 November**  
2pm at school.

## Hands-off fundraising

### Regular giving

Regular giving helps us plan ahead and is a great way to contribute if time is tight. Donate here: [www.justgiving.com/friendsofsouthoverps](http://www.justgiving.com/friendsofsouthoverps)

### Easyfundraising

Turn everyday shopping into everyday magic. More than 8,000 brands will donate to Southover PTA at no extra cost to you: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/southoverprimary](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/southoverprimary)

## And finally...

Here's to a fantastic school year ahead, full of learning, laughter, and community spirit. **Carolyn, Hannah & Richard**



**Carolyn Sparks**  
Chair & Comms



**Hannah Fielding**  
Treasurer



**Richard Horton**  
Secretary