

Purposes of the Association

Purpose 1

Advancement of Education of the pupils in the school.

Our PTA has worked very hard over the last year to raise much needed funds for the school to improve their overall education and maintain good links with the parents. St Columba's Primary School is a small rural school with 145 pupils. The pupils make good progress which is greatly enhanced through them having access to resources, activities and events which cannot be funded by the school budget in the current financial constraints. The principal activity for achieving this objective is to hold fundraising activities throughout the year. The main areas for fundraising were to contribute towards purchasing ICT equipment for the children and support their health and wellbeing across the school, and to keep strong communication links with parents and community.

The main fundraising activities held during 2022/2023 were:-

- Hallowe'en Disco
- Local businesses donated funds and prizes for a raffle
- St Patrick's Day Disco

Not only did these events provide a social occasion for staff, pupils and parents of the school, they raised funds to further enhance pupils' learning and improve their health and wellbeing throughout the school.

Money raised and donated to the school helped to provide the following:-

- Accelerated Reading and Freckle Maths (annual subscriptions) - £2522
- 2 Desktop computers - £1190
- 2 Promethean whiteboards - £5750
- Subsidy towards travel for school trips - £500
- PTAUK membership renewal - £106

Safeguarding

We are satisfied that effective safeguarding is in place.

Statement on Public Benefit

All of our trustees have paid due regard to the commissions' public benefit requirement statutory guidance and agree and can verify the above public benefits.

St Columba's Primary School, Straw – PTA NIC 107086

We verify the information is correct to the best of our knowledge. It has been shared with all trustees and we have permission to sign on behalf of St Columba's PTA.

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On behalf of the St Columba's PTA Trustees

Patricia McAlister (Mrs)

Principal

Date: 18/10/23

Roisin Toner (Mrs)

Chair of PTA

Date: 18/10/23