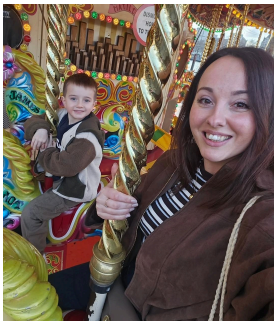
Danehill Primary School PTA EGM
June 4th - 7.30pm
Agenda

Present online: Maria Esain (Foxes), John Mustarde, Antonia and Howard Fagan-Smiths (Hedgehogs), Jess Canham, David Ford, Ollie Johnson ((Hedgehogs), Johanna (Hedgehogs), Henry O'Grady (Hedgehogs), Karl
Present in person: Bex, Kat, Bea, Jessica Johnson (Hedgehogs), Lucy Olesker, Marie Marin la Meslée (Hedgehogs)

- **Thanks to Kat and Bex** for their roles as Chair and Treasurer

- **Introducing the new PTA team**:
  Lucy Olesker (Chair),
  "*Hello as recently elected PTA Chair and parent of class 3 I like to share our love and enthusiasm for Danehill Primary School maintaining good relationship with teaching staff & fellow families.*
  As we grow more each year into this sense of community it continues to be my joy to be as engaged as much as is possible in my role within the parent body.
  A bit about my experience thus far :-
  Year 1 we established our Enrichment programme encouraging local Artists, Craftsmen/women, Dancers, Musicians, Story tellers, local Authors & politician's to inspire our children with their diverse life stories & talents.
  A number of parents also share their skills offering after school clubs and & integrating art programmes. This supports our 'Enlivened learning' ethos.
  My key quality as Chair I would say is turning seemingly negative situations into vitally positives ones, such as sadly our ancient Oak tree needed to come down, so working closely with an arborist, created outdoor benches a craft table and crafted a giant Serpent style climbing 🪵zone stretching the circumference, opening up creative play in our lower forest area.
  We now also have 2 Brand new classrooms one is a modern designed Rest & Reset room for all Danehill children we also managed to up-cycle the older studio into a fantastic new outdoor forest school classroom.
  This initiative started by working closely with parent builders architects & designers and was taken up by the governors to fund raise and complete works this term.
  There so much more I could share but am mostly excited in meeting new families and welcoming your hopes and visions forging our future together!
  So much Is possible and rarely would you get the chance to be so involved in your child's school setting."

- **Jessica** Johnson - Hedgehog (Secretary)
  “Hi everyone, I am Jessica and I am Max’s mum in Hedeghog class. I am very crafty and well organised which I think will be great things that I could bring forwards to the PTA. I am also very passionate about the school and will always do my part to help make it the best it came be for our children.”



- and **Marie** Marin la Meslée - Hedgehog (Treasurer).
  “Bonjour! I’m Crispin’s mum, in Reception. I’ve been working for many years in Sports Marketing - mainly rugby - before moving on in the charity sector, where I offer consultancy in Events, Communications and Fundraising. It was love at first sight with Danehill school, the people, the ethos, the location. Crispin has been thriving this year, and I want to help promote how Danehill is a great school of life for our children.“

    - Our vision: “We make your ideas happen!”
    - We welcome more new members
        - Raffle Prizes and In-Kind Donations Wizards,
        - Grant Hunters,
        - Volunteer Chief of Happiness
        - and Special Events (Xmas Fair, Easter Trail, Fun Run,...) Conductors.

- **Financial recap of the year**
    - Financial history
    - How much was raised this year XXX
    - Currently in our bank account £6,327.88 04/06/2026
    - £3,500 went to the school, and we’ve approved to pay an extra £500 to the school. Payment was made on 04/06/2026 following the meeting.

- **How we plan 2026/2027**

    - Take a moment to fill out our Parents & Family survey: forms.gle/gURkxwKzoiCwtFCx8
    - Financial objective
        - £6000 (£4000 for the school and £2000 for long term PTA projects)
        - Or £100 per family/per year
    - Collaboration with the school
        - Updated PTA page on the school website
    - Sign in for Volunteering opportunities docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18FUyKDE4O5wka_VXObuQH1pG6GMCfnMqJhDeac_1VKI/edit?gid=0#gid=0
    - Gold coins/tokens instead of cash at Events.

- **Parents' fundraising and project ideas for 2026/2027** (to be added to our 2026/2027 programme at the September AGM). We welcome your wild ideas!
    - **« The Coffee Club »** : buy our Coffee Club mug and commit to a £5/£10/£15 monthly direct debit. With your mug, you then have free coffee at all school events. You just need to bring your mug! Would you know a local and eco-friendly company ready to support?
    - At Sports Day, a Dad spoke about organising a **BBQ**. Bea said this could happen at **End of Year even**t.
    - A Dad will **run 100k** to raise for the school front garden
    - **School Camp Out** in September, at Wowo, for the kids and parents to hang out, playing rounders, etc
    - **Recruiting more families**: stall at Forest Row market
    - **End of Term party** - Kid rounders Y6 vs parents, Dog show, Bouncy castle
    - Asking for local business donations in September
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- **Enrichment**
    - We have parent professionals willing to run a wonderful glass workshop for the entire school, starting after the October winter term. Class Competition to design a glass 🥃 goblet, and Chris will make it at a reasonable cost for each class winner 🥇 to be kept at school as a showcase of their design and craft
    - Invite families for Grounds /Gardening tending days monthly/ termly
    - Invite parents to offer time to come for supper class, and or share Enlivened learning by talking about your life and work, and share in assembly/class
    - Invite a family friend to share their life experiences
    - …