



Partners Of Parley School (POPS)



Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 August 2022

Statutory Information:

The charity's principal office is;
c/o Parley First School
Glenmoor Road
West Parley
Dorset
BH22 8QE

The charity's registered number is 108866

The committee are appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting by majority vote. The following have served as committee members during the 12 months since the previous AGM:

Lucy Elliot-Smith (Chair) Sophie Hayes (Co-Chair)
Kelly Foster (Vice Chair) Claire Lawton (Secretary)
Becky Ironside and Leigh Cooper (Joint treasurers)

POPS bankers are Barclays Bank. The Ferndown branch has shut down – nearest branch is now Castlepoint or Ringwood.

Signatories on the bank accounts are:

Main PTA account –	Leigh Cooper Lucy Gonzalez Michelle Rossiter
200 club account –	Leigh Cooper Becky Ironside

Objectives, Organisation and Activities:

Parley POPS (PSSG) was established and exists to advance the education of the pupils by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school (not normally provided by the Local Education Authority/ Academy), to foster more extended relationships between the staff, parents, pupils and others associated with the school; and engage in activities which support the school and provide memorable experiences for the pupils attending it. The committee meet every month or so to manage the affairs of POPS and to discuss and organise fund-raising events.

Chair's Report

2021-2022 was a great year for fundraising and events. Although at the start of the academic year we were still affected by COVID restrictions, we have continued to find new and inventive ways to raise money and support our school. Our two main events – the Christmas switch-on and Happy's Circus visit to Parley were both a roaring success which provided not just great fundraising but lasting memories for everyone who took part.

After our own expenses we have raised an amazing **£10,000** this academic year



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Income

Here is a brief summary of our top earners this year and approximately what they earned:

• Happy's Circus	£3500
• Your School lottery	£1900
• Christmas switch on event	£1300
• Christmas Wrapping Room	£730
• Pops Ice-cream shop	£700
• Christmas Raffle	£640
• Easy fundraising	£504
• Pre-Loved Uniform Sales	£550
• Non uniform Days	£500
• Christmas bidding wall	£430
• Mothers Day wrapping room	£373
• POPS quiz night –	£320
• Jubilee Tea towels –	£230

Expenditure

Total Expenditure benefiting the school and pupils = £7100

This is how the school have spent some of our donations this year;

• Various books across the school	£1600
• Jubilee Celebration Event	£1070
• Furniture for yr3 and yr4 areas	£730
• Forest school Groundworks	£712
• Rabbit upkeep	£508
• Leaver's hoodies Year 4.	£310
• Year 4 leavers party	£240
• Easter eggs	£231
• New visualisers	£192
• Mad for Animals assembly	£185
• World book day resources	£154
• Pear drops resources	£80

Pops have also bought ourselves a new chest freezer which allowed us to set up the POPS ice-cream shop.

We have an impressive **£19,400** in the bank at the end of this year, this is a fantastic balance for the benefit of our school and our children, particularly as we head in to more challenging financial times.



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Reflection and lessons learned

As a team we are constantly reviewing our fundraising options and trying to invest our efforts with the best efficiency.

The introduction of the ice-cream shop in the summer months this year has been a great success. Selling ice-creams at an affordable £1 each means a great money earner for POPS and will continue to be a good fundraising activity for years to come.

The Happy's Circus event was so successful we completely sold out the tickets a week before the event. Happy's Circus have been re-booked for 2024.

Unfortunately, the issues we had with our banking signatories were not resolved this year so this should be a priority in the next academic year.

Our shed space is no longer fit for purpose and contains a lot of spoiled/ damp damaged items. A priority for next academic year should be to organise a clear out of the current shed and discuss our storage options for the future.

Thank you

Firstly we would like to thank EVERYONE who has played their part (no matter how big or small) in making POPS successful once again this year.

A special thank you to Jane, a parley grandparent who has provided us with wrapping room gifts at a very reduced rate, without your input these activities would not have been so successful.

A huge thank you to the committee members, both old and new, who have given up so much time and always approach events with great enthusiasm and a smile on their faces. It has been an honour to be part of such a great team of people.

Thank you to Clare and others in the school office, who are always amazingly helpful and never get annoyed with our countless questions and demands.

Thank you to the school caretaker and groundsman Pete who had to PAT test hundreds of Christmas lights before the Christmas events and did a fabulous job with the clean-up operations after our events.

Finally, as a group of parents, POPS would like to thank Mr Bagwell and all the school staff for always supporting us and giving up your time to offer practical help at our events.