



Welcome to the Hursthead family from the PSA

The Parent/Staff Association (PSA) would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the parents and carers of children who are starting in Reception this September. Starting school is a big milestone for our children, and they, and you, have joined a wonderful, friendly school community. The PSA is part of that community: every parent, carer and staff member is automatically a member of the PSA. Which means that everyone has a voice.

We appreciate there is a lot of information to take in at this time, with that in mind, below are some bullet points that will hopefully give you an understanding of what the PSA is and what it does to help entertain and support your children and their education.

- The PSA is run on a 100% volunteer basis, with a committee of parents who organise fundraising and social events throughout the school year.
- Funds raised have previously been used to pay for the recently installed scooter and bike park, the reading dens in each classroom, educational visitors to school, maintaining the modern foreign language provision and replenishing the Oxford Reading Tree books.
- The committee, supported by the Headteacher in the role of President, consists of Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary with additional general committee members. Class reps, nominated to represent each individual class also assist the committee.
- We completely understand that you might not be at school every day or use Facebook or be able to attend meetings but every little helps and specific requests will appear throughout the year. If you can spare a little time, many hands make light work.

There are many ways to get in touch with the PSA:

- Via email hurstheadinfantpsa@gmail.com
- Via Facebook: **Hursthead Infant PSA** - please send a request to join the closed group
- Attend **PSA Meetings** - the first meeting will take place in September
- Post a message in the **PSA letterbox** which is by the noticeboard in the playground

The PSA would not exist without the committee and we really need your help. If you would like to join the committee, be a class rep, or get involved with the PSA in any other way, please get in touch. Class reps send information out to their classes via WhatsApp groups, help organise volunteers for school fairs and keep parents and carers up to date with current and future events. You will be fully supported by the PSA. Without the committee there are so many things that the children would miss out on such as fairs and events, tuck shop, discos as well as the funding which supports so many amazing opportunities for children in school. We are always thrilled to welcome new members so if you would like to find out more or think you could get involved, please get in touch.

We hope that you enjoy your time at Hursthead and we look forward to meeting you in person.

Ways you can help the PSA and the PSA can help you!

Did you know you can already contribute to our fundraising pot? Even before you have started school! Listed below are a few ways in which you might be interested.

CLOTHES LABELS

As all school uniform and PE kits need to be labelled, we have teamed up with two suppliers who give back a percentage of each purchase to the PSA, at no additional cost to you. There are numerous companies on the market, however, the two we have teamed up with, should you choose to use them, are:

Stampstastic (stampstastic.co.uk/pages/pta-rewards) - this offer is limited to the "name labels deluxe" bundle but you will also receive a free white fabric pen plus the PSA contribution.

Easy2name (easy2name.com/fundraising)

Easy2name make a 20% contribution to the PSA of each purchase made.

JUTE BAGS

We thought you might be interested in the incredibly useful Hursthead Jute Shopping Bags! The perfect size to fit one or two book bags and water bottles, these bags are a must for the school run or the supermarket shop. At just **£3 per bag** or, if you like a bargain, **two for £5**, you can order your bag(s) by emailing hurstheadinfantpsa@gmail.com with the number of bags required, your contact name and telephone number. Delivery or collection arrangements will be made once payment has been received.

Payment can be made directly to the PSA bank account, using the following account details:

Name: Hursthead Infants School PSA

Account number: 19189834

Sort code: 01-01-75

Payment reference: **JB NEW STARTER**

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM INCLUDING PE KIT AND BAGS

The PSA helps to redistribute good quality, pre-loved school uniform - everything from branded jumpers and cardigans, skirts, dresses, trousers, polo shirts, PE kits and PE bags! We have plenty of stock in sizes ranging from age 2-3 to age 7-8 (larger stock is available from the Junior PA). To make stock requests, please email hurstheadinfantpsa@gmail.com or join our Facebook group where you will be able to see the current stock. **THIS IS A FREE SERVICE FOR EVERYONE** - we want the clothes to find new homes rather than go to landfill - however any donations to the PSA would be gratefully received.

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Did you know that if you shop at smile.amazon.co.uk and www.easyfundraising.org.uk you can raise money for the PSA at no cost to you? For AmazonSmile, simply select Hursthead Infant PSA as your charity and shop as normal! For Easyfundraising, which includes all sort of high street and online retailers, such as Argos, John Lewis, TESCO, Marks & Spencers, Boden and Boots, just create an account and start shopping!