



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

We Need Your Help – The Future of the PTA

The aim of our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is to support the school in the delivery of school events and to promote and encourage parent, carer and community involvement. The funds that the PTA events raise enable the school to purchase additional resources. In recent years, PTA funds have supported the purchase of IT equipment, new audio equipment for the school hall, play and science equipment, digital cameras, thesauruses, art equipment, display board in the language base, science investigation week and “bug rugs”. Over £12,000 of equipment – the purchase of which wouldn’t have been possible without PTA funds.

The usual calendar of PTA events has included Halloween Discos, Christmas Fayres, Easter Discos, Cake Sales and the annual Summer Fayre, which incorporates the stalls run by the children as part of their enterprise week. Attendance and engagement in school events has remained high, demonstrating that they are events that the children, their families and the local community value and enjoy.

On Tuesday 18th September at 6.30pm we are holding our annual PTA AGM which also serves as our “Welcome to new parents and members of the PTA”. We would really like you to join us. The meeting is in the school bungalow (half way up the school drive).

By attending the welcome meeting you are not committing to “being on the PTA”, however if you are interested this is a guide to the expected commitment of a PTA member:

- To attend 3-5 planning meetings over the school year
- Participate, as part of a team, in organising 3-5 events
- Volunteer, where possible, on event days in the delivery of the events (you don’t have to do all events)

The chair, vice chair, treasurer and secretary roles have additional responsibilities such as leading the organisation of events, taking the meeting minutes and being the point of liaison with the school however many of these duties can be shared and supported by the rest of the committee.

We also need general volunteers who can help out, as and when, this can be as little or as much as you like and can include things like helping at events or doing aspects of preparation.

The current chair of the PTA is stepping down in her role this year. In addition our Vice Chair and Secretary have also decided that the time has come to relinquish their roles. They have all been active members of the PTA for several years and we have benefitted from numerous great events and achieved impressive fundraising efforts under their organisation and leadership. Getting parents to volunteer as part of the PTA committee has always been a challenge. We need new volunteers to create and lead a new committee. If we don’t get sufficient volunteers the PTA will need to be disbanded until such time when there is enough interest to take it over.

If every class group had a parent PTA representative, we would have a great PTA; sharing the load and providing feedback and opinions reflecting the whole school’s needs. It will also help with succession planning for the PTA for future years to come. Are you going to do it for your class?