

September 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

## Invite to the Welcome Meeting and AGM for the PTA

The PTA at LHPSN is a relaxed, yet effective, group made up of parents, grandparents, carers and school staff, with two main aims:

- 1. To organise fundraising events and activities to raise money which is used for the purchase of supplementary equipment and resources which that would otherwise not be available to the school. This is especially vital in the current economic climate with increasing pressures on all school budgets.
- 2. To run fun, family orientated and community spirited events which help nurture our school community.

The events are only made possible by the kind dedication of time and energy from families and staff. Last year was a record-breaking year for fundraising and we are very grateful for all the volunteers and support the PTA has had. However, each year, as the inevitable school cycle goes, we lose some great volunteers, equally we always welcome a fresh intake of new families and we are always keen to welcome new faces to join the team of volunteers. On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm 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 on the school site, in the bungalow and all are welcome – parents, grandparents, carers of children at the school and nursery.

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. After four years, our Treasurer will be stepping down this year as his children have now left the school. We are very grateful for all Nigel's efforts and would be especially interested to welcome new members who might be interested in this role.

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.

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. Can you do it for your class? Come along (bring a friend!) and find out more.



## Meeting details:

Monday  $16^{th}$  September 2019, 6pm – 7pm, The Bungalow on the School Drive (next to the new gated parking area)

## Can't make the meeting, but would still like to get involved?

Email: <u>lickeyhillspta@outlook.com</u> to ask to be added to the newsletter

Like our Facebook page: @lickeyhillspta - we share news about PTA events and fundraising updates.

Looking forward to another year of great events and support!

All the best,

The PTA