

Dear PTA Members

Welcome to the PTA AGM 2018. Thank you all for taking the time to attend. Tonight, we will kick off with the AGM where we will form the PTA committee for this year. After that we will have a little break where you can help yourselves to some drinks and nibbles and we will then commence the first PTA meeting of the 2018/19 school year. Everyone is welcome to stay on for the PTA meeting as our meetings are open to all parents and not just those on the committee.

The last school year was one of the best years the PTA has had in terms of fundraising, we managed to raise close to £34,000! Well done to all those who worked tirelessly to organise the events that got us to this figure and also to all the parents and children of the school who came to these events and made them a success.

Events we held last year included the race night, the fun run, the school discos and cake sales. By far however, one of our biggest revenue came from the Christmas and Summer fair. We had Santa's grotto for the first time at Wickham Common and it was really well received. Both fairs were organised by the same team, which really is amazing.

Vista magazine has again this year brought in a good amount. Those new to the school may have seen our Vista magazine if we delivered it through your door. We have 4 editions every school year and the team work extremely hard to ensure we are able to fill all of our pages with local business advertisements.

We added a few new events in 2017/2018. These included the Wickham Warriors Mud Challenge and the Fun Run. Both were organised by Suzy and Tammy.

With the monies raised last year we funded a permanent electrical source to the school field, drum lessons, extra school trips for all years, hand sanitisers around the school, a camcorder and new storage units for the early years. These contributions were in addition to the regular yearly agreed funding such as the Life bus and Tickled Pink Panto.

As in the previous year, our aim has been to separate the PTA communications from that of the school as it was causing some frustration to parents when they would receive duplicated emails from the school and the PTA regarding the same thing. We therefore strongly urge those of you who have not yet signed up to the PTA mail distribution to do so as it will be from here that you will receive information about the school discos, donation days and other fundraising events.

Onto the farewells and thankyou's.

Farewell:

- Firstly, thank you to Suzy our outgoing secretary, who has been outstanding in her role but understandably having taken on organising a number of events has had to step down the role.
- Thank you to Lucy who is stepping down as the communications co-ordinator. Lucy has ensured all communications have been sent out ahead of events as well as cascade information to all the class reps when necessary.

- Thank you to Tammy for her role as website coordinator. Tammy had a challenge this year with the new website. Tammy will continue to organise the Fun Run events and be part of Wickham Warriors. The website and communications role will merge for this year.
- Thank you to Adjoa, who has been the longest standing non-teaching committee member and was responsible for the smooth operation of the 100 club. Adjoa has agreed to be our DPO which will not be a committee role.
- Thank you to Natalie E, our Disco coordinator who helped organise the school discos over the last couple of years.
- Thank you to Mrs Stevenson, one of our teacher representatives for taking all our requests back to Mrs Allis for approval as well as helping organise the Christmas fair.

Thank you:

- Thank you to the Xmas fair and summer fair teams organising two fun packed events. Lucie, Jennifah, Kelly, Emma, Laura, Rachel, Mrs. Stevenson, Ash and the rest of the team who worked incredibly hard to organise these events. We cannot wait until the first meeting to learn more about what the team have planned for our Xmas fair and about our new event the Christmas Night Market!
- Thank you to the disco team, Natalie E, Nattalie W and Charlene for organising both discos which the children thoroughly enjoyed.
- Anna Murphy who like Ash does so much for the PTA. Anna organises the second-hand sales, Vista distribution and the Happy Circus.
- Muireann who organises volunteers and refreshments for any events that require them. The last school year the PTA helped serve refreshments at so many events that this year we will have a role on the committee for a refreshments coordinator.
- Adjoa for running the 100 club and for continuing to be a valuable member of the committee.
- Alison Trace for organising the Race Night for the parents which was really good fun.
- Thank you and well done to Tammy and Suzy for taking part as the Wickham Common Warriors in the mud challenge and for organising the Fun Run.
- Thank you, Beverly, who as our treasurer had the unfortunate task of banking all the monies raised from our events.
- Thank you to Heather, our governor representative, who always has lovely things to say about the PTA!
- Thank you to Mrs Stevenson, Mr Winter and Mr Slack, our teacher representatives who after teaching our lovely children then took time out in the evening to attend the meetings.
- Finally, thank you to Mrs Allis who has welcomed all of our ideas and allowed us to the opportunity to raise funds through events at the school. I would also like to thank Mr Allis for always helping out at events. I cannot forget him vacuuming the corridor outside the school office after the Christmas fair. It really is lovely to see so many family members of teachers and extended family members of children so willing to help raise valuable funds for Wickham Common.

All parents of the school are part of the PTA regardless of whether you have a role on the committee or not. We welcome any new fundraising ideas as well as your time in helping us with our events.

Thank you,

Priya and Anna.