

Dear PTA Members

Welcome to the PTA AGM 2021. 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 then the new PTA committee of 2021/2022 will commence their first meeting. 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.

Once again, due to COVID-19, we were unable to host several of our annual events and raise the significant amount of funds we had become accustomed to. Nevertheless, the PTA committee strived to fulfil the funding requests from the school totalling approximately £30,000. The PTA itself managed to raise £19,000 last year and the deficit was made up from funds we already had in the PTA account. We held a number of events over the Christmas period. We managed to have a disco and a number of races as well as an Easter shop. Well done to all the parents who organised these events, especially Anna Packman, Natalie, Kelly, Laura, Rachel, Bev, Suzy and Tammy.

As a committee, we ensure we have enough funds to support the annual commitments to the school for at least 2 years, however, due to COVID-19 we have found ourselves having to spend more money than we have raised.

Hopefully this school year we will be able to change that and raise enough funds to support the school's requests. We have already made over £7000 from our belated summer fair, and we hope we can raise some more over the festive season. Once again, many thanks to the parents who organised the fair including their families.

Vista magazine has again this year brought in a good amount even though we were unable to distribute as normal. Those new to the school may have seen our Vista magazine if we delivered it through your door. We have 3 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 have recruited a new team and there is always a need for more helpers so please reach out to the Vista team if you would like to help.

Many of you may not remember but in 2016 an EGM was held because most of the committee were standing down. I joined the PTA that year as co-chair as did many other parents (mostly new reception parents of 2016) and most of us have remained on the committee or are continuing to organise events. The energy and enthusiasm within the PTA to raise money has been high and we have introduced several new events such as fun runs and the night market. For a small school within our trust, we have continued to raise larger amounts of funds and that is due to the hard work many parents put in to organise these fun events. Whilst I have no doubt, we will continue to raise funds, I believe the time has come to stand down as chair and allow another parent to take on the reins and help bring in new ideas.

For parents new to the school, the PTA newsletter is sent every Tuesday and we strongly urge you to sign up to the PTA mail distribution 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 thankyous.

Farewell:

- Farewell to Tammy Wallace who introduced the fun runs and helped in many fairs.
- Farewell to Beverley who is leaving her role as treasurer. Bev has also organised several fairs and the circus and will continue to support the PTA in these events.
- Farewell to Vicki Yeomans for running the 100 club.

Thank you:

- Thank you to the Xmas fair team for organising a series of events to raise money during lockdown.
- Thank you to the summer fair team for organising the recent event as short notice.
- Thank you to Natalie W and Charlene for organising the disco this year.
- Thank you to the Vista team for working hard to get our editions of the year ready for distribution.
- Thank you to Izzie who has sent out weekly newsletters and last-minute requests from the various event teams on the PTA.
- Thank you to Tammy and Suzy 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. Bev also co-ordinated the Christmas fair.
- Thank you to Julie in her role as our secretary who has ensured we have all the relevant paperwork in order for our events.
- Thank you to Anna P for running all our online shops!
- Thank you to Barbro for cascading all important information to class reps.
- Thank you to Anna S, Rhonda, Tracy, and Heather committee members have played a part in our events.
- Thank you to Sarah Murray for organising all of the refreshments.
- Thank you to Heather, our governor representative, who always has lovely things to say about the PTA!
- Thank you to Mr Winter and Mr Slack, our teacher representatives who always support and attend our PTA events.
- Finally, thank you to Mrs Allis who gives us the opportunity to run events at the school.

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,

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