



PTA NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM

MESSAGE FROM PTA

We hope everyone has settled back into school life this Autumn term. The PTA is working on exciting plans for the upcoming academic year. Thanks to those who attended the PTA AGM earlier this term, it was a good evening of shared ideas and discussion. Sadly, Allan Aitchison and Gemma O'Reilly have stepped down from their roles on the PTA. Our first event of the year 'Harvest Hoedown' was a great success raising an amazing £1,400. What a good start to the year!

MONEY RAISED 2021/2022

Thanks to all those who supported, organised and contributed to PTA events in 2021/2022. A fantastic £18,000 was raised to support our lovely school. This money will support the school hardship fund, NSSport PE Lessons, Chrome Books and lots more.

AUTUMN TERM EVENTS

- PTA AGM - 27th Sept
- Harvest Hoedown - 8th Oct
- Second Hand Costume Sale - 20th Oct
- Halloween Disco - 21st Oct
- Christmas cards deadline - 7th Nov
- Movie Night - 9th and 13th Dec
- Christmas Fair - Saturday 3rd Dec
- Bake off - 4th Nov (art department fundraising)
- Mufti Days - 11th, 18th, and 25th Nov, 2nd Dec

PTA

WE HAVE NEW MEMBERS!



Alison Young
Chair (R-Y2)



Clare Lynch
Treasurer
(R-Y2)



Fran Mummery
Secretary (Y3)



Fran Sponsler
(R-Y3)



Astrid Lelliott
(R-Y3)



Gabi Pawlik
(R-Y2)



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ROLE OF PTA

The PTA role is to help enhance our children's education and foster a sense of community spirit around the school.

We are not just about raising money.

Our community is our USP as a school. Parents choose the school because of that warm feeling and sense of unity. It is a friendly school, and the PTA is the foundation stone to all of that. It's the most vital thing we do.

We help make magical moments for the children. Those special times like the parties, or trips and fairs that we fund. They are memories the children will never forget.

HARVEST HOEDOWN

A big thanks to all who supported the Hoedown on Saturday night. Special thanks to our organisers Lucy, Amy and Meredith. The Hoedown raised £1,400 towards PTA funding commitments for 2022/2023.



FUNDING COMMITMENTS 2022/2023

- NS Sports PE Lessons
- Funding for Specialist French Lessons
- Funding for Enhanced Music Provision
- Hardship Fund
- Subsidising School Trips
- Developing Wellbeing Room
- New Books for Library
- Music Instruments
- Treats for children on special occasions

2022 – 2023 FUNDING TARGET
£25,000

WHY DOES THE SCHOOL NEED OUR HELP?

With the unprecedented times, school funding is getting tighter and tighter. Funding per pupil is not increasing and the cost of staff is going up.

The school is still recovering from the pandemic and the costs of resourcing, cleaning and staffing. School management are asked to do more with less each year and unfortunately, they cannot benefit from economies of scale as other schools do. Now more than ever our school needs our help.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You can help as much or as little you are able to, on a regular basis or on specific events/ideas.

Volunteer your time

Donate money

Christmas fair: donate prizes for the raffle

Support with your skills: We are looking for designers, marketing, social media experts.

We will communicate frequently with you and we will ask for help when we need to.

HOW CAN YOU START SUPPORTING?

- Monthly voluntary contribution
- You can raise money through your online shopping:
 - Easyfundraising
 - amazon smile

Look out for specific communications from the PTA with instructions.

Contact the PTA

Email: smmptacontact@gmail.com

Or chat to us in the playground

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PTA FUNDRAISING AND THE GOVERNOR'S FUND?

PTA fundraising: this fund is to enrich the experience of our children in the school (raised by fundraising events and voluntary donations) and the PTA decides where the money is spent. The funds this year will support NSSport and our specialist teachers (French and Music), as well as subsidise school trips, treats for special occasions and classroom needs.

Governor's fund: this is a voluntary donation asked by the school to pay for ongoing maintenance of the school and infrastructure. This is to make sure that the school operates in a safe environment. These funds CANNOT be used for other expenditure.