



PTA Annual Publication

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A message from the PTA...

The team would like to say a huge **thank you** for all of your support this past year since reforming with a new group of parents. We've had a successful year raising money and hopefully creating some fun and lasting memories for the children.

We want you to know that every time you've supported us by playing the school lottery, attending the summer and Christmas fairs, purchasing raffle tickets, baking a cake or simply buying one, you have helped to contribute in making the school a better place.

With your help our achievements have provided the children with...

- **picnic benches**
- **a Christmas present for each classroom & crackers**
- **the year 6 leavers books**
- **ice pops at sports day**
- **plus, newly purchased parasols and picnic blankets (just awaiting the sunshine!)**

... all in addition to raising a fantastic £4,500 towards the school minibus fund.

As well as the expense of providing events there are also unseen costs from insurance to film and lottery licensing so your continued support really is vital and very much appreciated. Please consider signing up to **Your School Lottery** if you haven't done so already to be in with a chance of winning **up to £25,000** each week whilst raising money for the school.

The PTA is **of course about fundraising** but we are also passionate about creating a sense of community.

We want to encourage friends and family members to our events and enjoy the precious years when our children still want us there with them!

We were overwhelmed by the response to the Easter hat competition and hope you enjoyed 'gluing, glittering and paper mâchéing' together.

Thank you also to the children for attending each event with excitement and enthusiasm...

...a lot of planning and effort goes into our discos, fairs and film nights and seeing the children enjoy themselves is a great reward. **We'd also like to say thank you to those children who volunteered at bag packing events and the swimathon. Our swimmers were fantastic raising a total of £448 to be split between school and local charities such as St Mary's Chemo Unit and Daisy Chains.**

If anyone would like to get involved we welcome new faces and new ideas. **Come along**, feel free to offer your suggestions or not - there is no pressure - you can do as little or as much as you wish. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 7th June at 4.30 pm** and we'd love to see you there. If you'd like to help but can't attend please speak to one of us about other ways to get involved.

We are currently busy planning for the upcoming film night on Wednesday 14th June, followed by the summer fair on Saturday 8th July from 11 am -2 pm

Hope to see you there,

The PTA

Some member's comments:

As a busy working mum of three I wasn't sure I would be much use as a member of the PTA when I started but felt it was important to try and help the school and in turn my children's educational experience. Taking an hour out for meetings to voice ideas about fundraising events has been surprisingly easy and I've thoroughly enjoyed it. I've not been able to help with every event but when I do I absolutely love it, especially seeing the children's faces!

Shaneé, PTA Publicity

I've been a stay at home parent since having my children and at first didn't feel that I had much to offer. I volunteered to take the minutes as I have a secretarial background and I've been doing that and other PTA things ever since. As members we're a very mixed group in terms of age, background and time that we can spare but we're respectful of those differences and all get on really well. It's really satisfying to see the children enjoying something that we've worked so hard to organise and knowing that we're raising money to benefit our children is just the icing on the cake.

Anna, PTA Secretary

My two grandchildren attend the school which is why I decided to join the PTA to help raise money for the extra resources the school need. At the end of the day it's the children that benefit and that is what we all want as parents and guardians. We would love to have more parents join us which would bring new ideas and much needed help.

Linda, PTA Member

Please consider joining us and help to make a difference