

March 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

St Joseph's PTA: AGM Wednesday 27th April, 7.30pm, School Hall

The PTA are seeking new friends! On Wednesday 27th April at 7.30pm the school will open its doors for parents to come and meet the current PTA, sign off the accounts for last year and find out how you could help improve the service we offer the school.

St Joseph's PTA work tirelessly to support our school and provide for our children. So far this year we have provided £1,000 of books, IT equipment for classrooms, a creativity shed and resources for the field, £750 play equipment and we have worked with the Out of School Club and Preschool to raise the funds for the log trail.

These achievements are only possible because of the time and commitment of the PTA and the generosity of our St Joseph's families who attend events, purchase raffle tickets and buy the cakes!

Many people are put off joining committees because they don't feel they have the time or the skills to get involved. But if you are passionate about your children and their school, then you have what your PTA needs!

The Committee meetings are currently held virtually (and this seems to work really well so may well continue – perhaps with the odd social get together too) and are usually once per half term (with the odd additional sub meeting for major events). We have a Whatsapp group to keep in contact and support each other and we have a great working relationship with the School.

If you are worried about having to take on a major role on the committee then rest assured, the current members of the PTA are all willing to stand again for election to their current roles at the next AGM. However, we really need some extra volunteers to come on as general committee members. With more members there is no reason for the time commitments to become onerous and hopefully we can broaden our group skill set and ensure the future of the PTA Committee.

These are just some of the skills that are needed within the Committee, but the list is endless. Whatever you are willing to bring to the table, we are here, ready and willing to accept it.

Can you write letters and share information with parents?

Are you on Facebook – can you share messages with the relevant year groups?

Are you sociable – can you mingle with people in the playground? Share information? Sell raffle tickets? Ask for volunteer helpers for events?

Can you help with sourcing prizes and donations?

Can you help wrap presents for Breakfast with Santa?
Can you man a stall at an event?
Can you design a poster?
Can you bake a cake or pick one up from the supermarket?
Can you make hot chocolate?

So why don't you come and join us on the 27th April. We are laying on refreshments, we definitely don't bite and you might even enjoy yourselves!

If you are able to join us on the night, could you please email the PTA to give us an idea of numbers.

We really hope to see you there. Remember, your PTA needs YOU!

Kind regards
The PTA Committee

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