

Chair report

Government funding for schools is at an all time low, but with the pandemic, children's education needs are at an all time high. Now more than ever, it's important that we do what we can to help support the school financially, so our children don't miss out through limited tools and resources. Our children's social needs have also been affected by COVID-19, so any social engagements that the PTFA can host, will be greatly appreciated by children who have been isolated for so long.

The aim of the PTFA this year will be to

- Help recoup some of the deficit caused by government funding cuts so our children still get to experience school trips and have access to the correct equipment to aid the teachers in providing a varied, fun education.
- Help to recoup some of the funding losses the PTFA experienced during the pandemic due to lack of events.
- Ensure our children, especially those in EYFS and Y1, get to experience plenty of social engagements and school trips that they have missed out on during the pandemic

Although we are starting to see some kind of normality returning to school life, the pandemic is not yet over, and positive cases are still present amongst children and parents. It is important that we do our part to reduce transmission and the spread of COVID-19. Whilst we would love to host school discos and large gatherings, we feel a different approach this year to fund raising is important. Keeping close contacts and the sharing of air space to a minimum.

To be able to do this we will need as many volunteers as possible. So what does volunteering look like? You may have some preconceived ideas of helping the PTFA to be time consuming, hard work, only for those with lots of spare time etc. However, many hands make light work. It maybe that you don't have a lot of spare time to help, but have access to resources, business contacts that could help with donations or grants. You may not have time in the day to help, but could lend a hand at after school events by helping with set up or manning a stall. We have a volunteers sheet, we would greatly appreciate you adding your details so if any opportunities to help come up within your availability we can contact you. There's also no pressure, you can always say no when we ask with no judgement. But any help would be greatly appreciated.

As a new committee, of which 3 members have never been involved with the PTFA before, we ask that you work with us and have a little patience whilst we finding our footing. We welcome any ideas and feedback you may have, you can contact us via email or Facebook.

We will keep you updated with every purchase the PTFA has made with funds raised through our events. We would love to be able to tell you in advance what each event is raising money for, however it maybe that it takes 2/3 events to raise money for a larger item. We also have commitments to the school for things we contribute to on a regular basis, eg, the school text messaging system. We also have to keep a steady balance in the account to retain our charity status, so some events will just be to keep us afloat. But at each meeting there will be an update of funds raised that term and monies spent.

Thank you