



All Saints' (CE) C Primary School PTFA

(Parents, Teachers and Friends Association)

Registered Charity Number: 1037850

Dear Parents

An Invitation to the PTFA AGM – 27th September 2017, 8.00pm at School

We hope the start to the school year has been running smoothly for you all, especially to those of you who are new to All Saints.

Now that the children have settled in, I am writing to introduce the All Saints' Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA). We are a group of parents who, with support from the school, organise events to raise money to spend on equipment and resources to enhance our children's education experience and the school's facilities.

How we raise money

Like most PTFAs, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Some of our most popular events are the fayres we run at Christmas and in the summer, the discos that take place once a term, bake sales, Mother's Day sale and Easter bingo to name just a few!

And it's not only the children that get to have fun! We also run events just for the parents, including quiz nights, wine tasting with a difference and our amazing ball that takes place every 2 years (watch this space for 2018....!).

How we spend the money we raise

Usually, the school will have a 'wish list' of items that the school would like the PTFA to consider funding. The money we raise is used to buy the extras – those 'nice to have' things that can really benefit our children and enhance their school experience. In recent years, the PTFA have funded:-

- 30 iPads, with cases and lockable storage;
- A new audio-visual system for the hall for the children to use for assemblies and performances;
- Sports equipment and uniforms for the school teams;
- A theatre company performing maths based plays for the children; and
- Playground equipment, most recently contributing towards the pirate ship on the key stage 1 playground.

As well as these one-off items, there are some items that we commit to funding every year, such as:-

- £200 per class, to be spent on classroom resources, or to be put towards a class trip;
- A Christmas treat for the children – in recent years this has included a pantomime and a seasonal magic show; and
- A professionally designed and printed leavers' book for all year 6 students.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our Annual General Meeting is being held on 27th September and is a great opportunity for all parents to come along and find out more about the PTFA. It is also the occasion when we elect our new committee members. Our PTFA committee consists of three Officers: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. We also have a number of ordinary committee members to make up the full committee. The Committee meet on a regular basis, usually once or twice per term.

This year, we are very keen to recruit some new parents onto the committee. As a priority, we desperately need a Secretary. We did not have anyone in that role during the last academic year and it did mean that

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our communication with parents was not as good as it should have been. As Secretary, you would need to attend at meetings and take minutes and also to help with drafting newsletters to keep parents informed of what the PTFA is doing. This may sound daunting, but really only needs a couple of hours here and there. The role could be shared, so if you don't feel like you could take it on alone, but would be willing to do it with a friend then that would be ideal.

Also, while our dedicated treasurer Helen is willing to continue in her post for this academic year, next year we will need a new treasurer as Helen's time as an All Saints parent comes to an end. Helen has done such an amazing job over a number of years, so to make sure the transition is as smooth as possible, we would love someone to work with Helen this year to get a feel for the role and what is required. You do not need to be an accountant or financially qualified to be treasurer and you would be fully supported by the rest of the committee.

Even if you don't want to stand for one of the named offices, we are always keen to welcome new parents at the meetings. We are a friendly bunch and usually try to get things done in around an hour so there is always time to socialise.

We do recognise that sitting on a committee is not everyone's cup of tea, but it is not the only way to get involved. We have a growing list of PTFA volunteers who don't necessarily come to meetings, but are committed to helping out at events, baking for bakes sales, donating raffle prizes – there are lots of ways of helping and we are grateful for whatever time parents can spare us.

Staying in touch

The PTFA sends out newsletters, usually one each half term and we also regularly use the school text system to send messages out about forthcoming meetings and events.

For facebook users, you can follow our page 'All Saints School PTFA – Alrewas'. To be included in the PTFA email group (and receive minutes of the committee meetings as well as other information), please email us at allsaintsptfa@gmail.com.

We'd love to see as many of you as possible at the meeting next week. However, if you can't make it but would like to get involved, or want to have an informal chat about any of the committee positions, then please get in touch either by email or through the facebook page.

We're looking forward to seeing you at our events this year.

Kind regards

Kay Greig (Chair) and the PTFA Committee