

A message from Egginton Primary School **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

The committee of Egginton Primary School PTA would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to parents, families and friends of our new pupils.

As parents you automatically become members of the PTA, this is not as daunting as it sounds! We hope this information sheet will clarify the role of the PTA and highlight ways in which parents can become involved, if they wish. Please take time to read it, members of the committee will be pleased to answer any further questions you may have. Thank you.

What is the role of the PTA?

We organise and run fund-raising events to provide financial support for the school, enabling the purchase of equipment, resources and subsidising trips.

We support the school with social events and activities for the children. We aim to forge closer links between school, home and the local community, with a common goal of enhancing the children's educational and social experience.

Committee

Our committee consists of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and a number of elected members. Elections to these roles are held at our AGM in September. A list of current committee members is available in the School Office.

We meet monthly to discuss and plan events, review financial incomings and outgoings, and consider any other issues. These are informal, evening meetings, usually held at School They are advertised in the school newsletter or on a notice board and all parents are welcome.

How we raise money

Ongoing fund-raisers include: School Link (periodically you will receive a book catalogue in your child's book bag), Bonus Ball (you have to be in it to win it! You will be invited to choose a ball), easyfundraising.org (we can make money from your internet shopping).

Annual events: Bonfire Night fireworks display, Shrove Tuesday soup and pancakes
Miscellaneous fundraisers: fashion shows, quiz nights, fun days, bags2school, Rainbow Day

Not all Fundraising!

We support the teaching staff with events such as the Christmas Concert, Christmas party, sports day etc. We've organised school discos. We've even redesigned and planted the school garden!

What happens to money raised?

We tend to spend money raised fairly quickly to maximise benefits to the children currently in school. Mrs Daly usually provides us with a 'shopping list' which is discussed at our monthly meetings. Once agreement has been reached the money is released to school.

More recently we have decided to have something specific to raise money for, so that people are aware of what their money will be used to fund. At present this is ICT equipment.

Specific examples of benefits from money raised include; decking and a canopy for KS1 classroom, computers for the children, beanbags for the library, gazebos for sports day, PE equipment, subsidised panto and summer trips, payments for visiting educational groups.

Links with Local Community

We enjoy the support of village residents for our big annual fundraisers (Bonfire Night and Soup and Pancakes) and have had a good response to invitations to occasional one-off events.

Residents within the village have been very supportive with specific requests for help, as have many local businesses in the surrounding area.

Getting information to you

Minutes from PTA meetings are available in the school office and they also include the date of the next meeting.

The school newsletter includes dates of meetings, reminders of events, requests for volunteers and outcome of events.

How can you volunteer your help?

You are very welcome to attend our informal monthly meetings, these are very sociable as we find the best ideas come over a glass of wine, crisps and chocolate! We very much value new ideas particularly for fundraising, social events and tapping in to local resources.

We are always grateful for volunteers for events, as 'many hands make light work'! We rely on your support and attendance for the events we hold. You can commit as much or as little time as you wish, we understand the demands of home, work and family but if you can support us in any way then we would be very grateful.

Conclusion

Thank you for taking the time to read this sheet, we hope it has helped to shed some light on the PTA.

It must be emphasised that, above all, involvement in the PTA is fun and sociable, whilst providing a positive outcome for school and ultimately our children. If you would like to discuss any of this information further, please see Mrs. Strain in the School Office and she will put you in touch with the PTA chair or a committee member.