

ST. PAUL'S P.T.A.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to St Paul's for a new term! We can't wait to get started with some super events for the children, and money raisers to help raise more much needed funds for this school year.

For new parent/carers of the school, the Parent Teacher Association (also known as Friends of St. Paul's or FOSP,) is the body of parents and teachers who work hard to provide school events and find ways to raise money for the school.

This is a really important part of school life for your children as our school is so small, we have less resources and people to help than other schools in the area.

We do our best to help improve school facilities, and cater fun and rewarding events for the children, for example, the school discos, non-uniform days, competitions and sales events like the Xmas and Summer Fayres.

The money raised by the PTA has in recent years been used to provide the children with:

- The school minibus
- The library
- The trim trail on the Glebe
- iPads for the classrooms
- Books for the Read, Write, Inc system
- Transport hire to the annual pantomime trip

- The Christmas party and disco
- Prizes for competitions
- Christmas selection packs
- Easter eggs for the whole school
- The leaver's disco and lots more!

But this is all largely reliant on all parents providing support where they can.

We'd like at this point to say a massive thank you to all parents who helped out and supported the school last year.

We hope your children enjoyed our events and we hope you will all support us again!

As you can imagine, a lot of hard work goes into planning these events, and the PTA meet to discuss them as regularly as possible. All parents are encouraged to attend PTA meetings to bring in fresh new ideas and to help with implementing them.



Joining the PTA doesn't mean making a long-term commitment.

Often we will ask for help to run events like the discos, movie nights and fayres and this can be done on a one off basis or regularly depending on how much time you can commit. You don't even have to attend every meeting. There are so many ways you could help. It can also be a lot of fun! We understand most parents work and have other commitments, but we are always flexible.

Even if you can spare 10 minutes, an afternoon, or can refer a friend who can donate something, it could really help the PTA team.



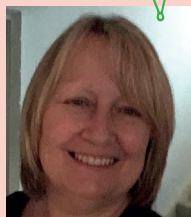
Who runs the PTA?



Vikki



Tracey



Glenda

At the moment we consist of 3 people. The Chair, Vikki, Tracey the Secretary, and Glenda, Treasurer.

Please feel free to come say hi.

Ask us anything, or run through some ideas. We'd love to speak to you, and we promise not to hassle you to join up. (Maybe!) At least one of us are usually around at drop off or pick up times.

Meeting O' Clock



Raring to go...

We had our first meeting a couple of weeks ago, and we're pleased to say it was a busy one! Thank you to all who attended. If you were unable to come we have attached the minutes. We always try to post news on Twitter and on the school Facebook page, so you can always keep updated.

Keep in touch.

Email: stpaulspta@hotmail.com

Facebook: St Paul's Church of England Primary School

Twitter: [@stpaulsfosp](https://twitter.com/stpaulsfosp)

Events that the PTA host will be advertised on notice boards at the school, on social media as well as the school's Parentmail system.



Mr Hulme having a moment.

Help Mr Hulme. He needs a big idea...

One of the discussions was that Mr Hulme has suggested a few goals to raise money for this year, but not one big thing that is achievable. More sports equipment, and more iPads have been mentioned, but if you have any further ideas email or message/speak to us as soon as possible. It helps to have a long term goal in sight.

Donations

If you are able to donate any unwanted things like wooden pallets, tyres, drain pipes and lagging, kitchen equipment, or even books that the children can recycle for outdoor learning or special projects, please let the PTA and the school know, before you throw things away.

Jingle your bells!



We intend to have another meeting soon specifically discussing our Xmas Fayre which is one of our bigger fundraisers, and a lot of fun for the children. We will try and meet at a convenient time, but understand that this might not always work for you. Please always approach us if you have something you would like to discuss, if you cannot attend the meeting.



Dates for your diary:

- 19 Oct Non Uniform in exchange for Fayre donations and Movie Night.
- 02 Nov Non Uniform in exchange for Fayre donations
- 16 Nov Xmas Movie Night
- 30 Nov Xmas Fayre
- 03 Dec Secret Gift Day
- 07 Dec Xmas Disco
- 11 Dec Xmas Panto
- 12 Dec Xmas Lunch
- 25 Jan Movie Night
- 08 Mar Spring Disco
- 05 Apr Easter Egg Hunt
- 06 Jul Summer Fayre
- 012 Jul End of Year Discos
- 013 Jul PTA keel over. (Just joking!)



So parents...

WE NEED YOU!

- ★ Could you spare a few hours to deliver leaflets in your local area for our bigger events?
- ★ Can you source a reliable face painter, a kid's DJ, or other entertainment for the school discos?
- ★ Could you find a printer for the PTA leaflets?
- ★ Could you spend an hour sending emails?
- ★ Do you have skills and a little time to help decorate the church for an hour at Harvest festival?
- ★ Could you help decorate the school Xmas tree?
- ★ Could you spend some time researching items to buy for events?
- ★ Have you got a talent that you could share with children at a workshop?
- ★ Do you have any other particular skills that would benefit the kids?
- ★ Could you attend meetings to input your ideas?
- ★ Do you have a spare hour to do the smaller tasks like visiting local shops to ask to display our posters?
- ★ Is there anybody you work with or family/friends you could approach to get us a raffle prize for our events?
- ★ Is there anybody you work with or family/friends you could approach to get us a sponsor for PTA events?

Please contact us in person, email or via social media if you can help, thank you.

Vikki, Tracey & Glenda

