

PTA Newsletter



Welcome to our school. Your PTA currently consists of three people, the Chair Vikki, and two co-secretaries, Natalie and Tracey, along with a vacancy for the Treasurer role.

Vikki Watts



Natalie Cairney



Tracey McCartney



Class representatives are: **Reception** - Esther Young and Emma Wright, **Year 1** - Ghaz Stott-Everett and Kirsty White, **Year 2** - Vikki Watts, Tracey McCartney and Natalie Cairney, **Year 3** - Marnie Carr and Vikki Deal, **Year 4** - Jennie Hendrick and Angharad Monk, **Year 5** - Amanda Collier and **Year 6** - Laura Boswell.

The role of the PTA in St Paul's school is to top up on the government funding given to the school. We do this by holding various fundraising events throughout the year, the most traditional are the Summer Fayre, Christmas Fayre and St George's day parade. We also hold discos for the children, non-uniform days, quizzes, an Easter egg hunt, competitions and sales events.

The money raised by the PTA has in recent years been used to provide the children with the library, the trim trail seen on the Glebe to play on at playtime, iPads for the classrooms, books for the Read, Write, Inc reading scheme, to pay for transport to the annual pantomime trip, the KS1 Christmas party and KS2 Christmas disco, prizes for the Christmas jumper competition, Christmas selection packs, Easter eggs for the whole school after the Easter egg hunt, the annual balloon race and the leaver's disco and books.

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 when possible 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.

If you are unsure what you can offer:

- Could you spare a few hours to deliver leaflets in your local area for our bigger events?
- Do you work for a printers or have any knowledge of leaflet or poster production? Could you make our next advertising campaign POP?
- Have you got a talent that you could share with children at a workshop? Do you have any 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 visiting local shops to ask to display our posters or ask about sponsorship for events?
- Is there anybody you could approach to get us a discount on any of the big ticket items the PTA purchase?

The school PTA calendar comprises:

January – Workshops

February – End of term disco

March – World Book Day

April – Easter egg hunt and St George's Day Parade

May – Donations for summer fayre begin

June – Summer fayre preparations and new parent welcome

July – Summer fayre, leavers disco

September – Welcome PTA meeting

October – Movie night

November – Donations for Christmas fayre and Christmas fayre preparations

December – Christmas fayre, KS1 and KS2 parties, pantomime visit

The PTA have their own Twitter and email account as well as a presence on the Facebook page for St Paul's. Should you wish to contact the PTA there is usually at least one of us at drop off in the mornings or pick up in the afternoons too. The twitter account is located @stpaulsfofp, the email address is stpaulspta@hotmail.com and the Facebook group is found by searching St Paul's Church of England Primary School. It is a closed group and an administrator will have to accept your request to join for security purposes. Events that the PTA host will be advertised on social media as well as the school's Parentmail system.

If you would be interested in helping to organise or supervise at any of the events please let Mr Hulme or one of the team know. All help is gratefully received as each event takes a lot of preparation, time and effort, and as the saying goes many hands make light work!