

St. Paul's Church of England Primary School

PTA Newsletter



Your PTA currently consists of three people, the Chair Vikki, secretary Tracey and Glenda as treasurer.

Vikki Watts



Tracey McCartney



Glenda Miles



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 Fair, Christmas Fair and St George's day parade. We also hold discos for the children, non-uniform days, quizzes, bingo nights, 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 mini bus, the lodge, football kits, the trim trail seen on the Glebe to play on at playtime, iPads for the classrooms, books for Read, Write, Ink, to pay for transport to the annual pantomime trip, prizes for the Christmas jumper competition, Christmas selection packs, Easter eggs for the whole school after the Easter egg hunt and the leavers signature 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 fairs 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 events this school year look loosely like this, dates and events could be changeable and some events will be chargeable:

Friday 27 September	Bingo – bring the family along and win yourself a prize! £1 per person to attend
Friday 4 October	Movie Night - £3 per person to attend, held straight from school in the hall
Friday 18 October	End of Term Disco and non uniform day
Sunday 3 November	Ice Skating at Ruxley - £4 per person, family and friends invited
Saturday 16 November	Christmas Market – we are inviting external stalls to present and sell their goods
Tuesday 26 November	Secret Gift Day – children are invited to buy a present for their parents or relatives for Christmas and wrap it up ready for the big day
Friday 29 November	Christmas Movie Night - £3 per child
Friday 29 November	Non uniform in exchange for £1
Friday 6 December	Non uniform in exchange for chocolate to be put on our chocolate tombola stall at the Christmas fair
Monday 9 December	Breakfast with Santa – in a change to our traditional grotto at the fair we are offering children an opportunity to have breakfast with the big man himself!
Monday 9 December	Money tree envelopes to be circulated. The money tree is a stall at the Christmas fair where children or adults pay to take an envelope off the money tree, one lucky envelope will contain a £5 note, the rest will be donated by the parents of the school where we ask for three different coins to be placed in an envelope and returned to school.

Friday 13 December	Christmas Fair
Monday 16 December	Pantomime Trip to the Orchard to see Peter Pan
Friday 17 January	Movie Night
Thursday 13 February	End of Term Disco
Thursday 19 and Fri 20 March	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea – children have the opportunity to have an afternoon tea and cake with their female adult relative
Wednesday 1 April	Easter Egg Hunt and bonnet parade
Friday 8, 15, 22 May	Non uniform day in exchange for bottles, sweets and cash
Thursday and Friday 18 and 19 June	Father's Day event
Saturday 27 June	Summer Fair
Friday 10 July	End of Year Disco

We try our best to space the events out throughout the year, and to make them as cost effective for families as possible, along with making a profit for the PTA. We want the children to enjoy the events and to have as much fun as possible whilst making money for the school.

Don't forget that we take payments for events through many different means, cash is always welcome along with any return slips put in an envelope marked for the attention of the PTA and posted in the red post box outside Mrs Simmons' office. We also take bank transfer to account 00404241 sort code 20-25-42, putting the name of the event as the reference. Cheques should be made payable to Friends of St Paul's School, Paypal transfer can be made to stpaulspta@hotmail.com and we also use a SumUp card machine to take card payments for all of our events.

We are always looking for new ideas, and will always look at events on an individual basis to see if it is financially worth doing something. Sponsored events are now a possibility as we have a Virgin Moneygiving page. If you are a runner or cyclist in particular the PTA would like you to enter races or fun runs to raise money for the school. We have a marathon runner entered for next year's London marathon, we have paid for her place and in return she has already made a large sum of money for the PTA, hosting a Valentines Ball to cover the fees. If there is an abseil you fancied doing, a bungee jump, a skydive or a mountain climb you wanted to do but didn't think you would ever be able to raise the funds by yourself come and have a chat with us and we will see what we can do for you!

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Friends of St Paul's School Swanley Village website. The header includes the organization's name and a navigation menu with links for 'Find out more', 'Home', 'Events', and 'Campaigns'. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Homepage' with a brief description of the school and PTA, 'Support us' with buttons for 'Start fundraising', 'Make a donation', and 'Make a monthly donation', and 'Charity details' with contact information including the registered address, phone number, and charity number.

To give you an idea of how monies that you donate to school are spent and where your money goes a simple breakdown of our last financial year looks like this:

Event	Profit
Non Uniform Days	£187.00
Movie Nights	£442.02
Christmas Fair	£1,499.19
Secret Gift Day	£153.46
Discos	£407.30
Christmas Cards	£124.96
Valentines Day Ball	£382.24
Sharegift Donation	£2,500.00
Easter Raffle	£42.00
Mother's Day Event	£145.46
Gift Donation	£1,000.00
St George's Day Parade	£653.85
Young Voices Refreshments	£15.68
Toy Sale	£38.78
Father's Day Event	£180.18
Quiz Night	£181.00
Sports Day Drinks	£60.50
Summer Fair	£3,149.71

Expenditure	Cost
Noticeboard contribution	£200.00
Marathon Place	£180.00
Pantomime deposit and coaches	£580.00
Easter Eggs	£87.75
Sharegift Donation to school	£2,500.00
Gift Donation to school	£1,000.00
The Lodge contribution	£3,000.00
Administration	£156.40

These above figures are a rough guide to how the monies are spent. The PTA have agreed to donate £3,000 to the school for the next two years to help with the cost of the lodge that was bought last school year. Any extra money that is made will be passed to the school as requested for items to enhance school life for all of the children.