

HOW DO WE SPEND THE MONEY WE HAVE RAISED?

Decisions on what items are to be purchased from PTA funds are made during PTA meetings. Requests can come from parents, teachers or children. Normally all the items the PTA approve for purchase are the little extras that are not covered by school budgets. We always endeavour to spend our funds in ways that will benefit all our children across all areas of the school and curriculum.

The PTA does have ongoing commitments every year such as leavers presents for Year 6 children, and we are looking into welcome gifts for reception children and maybe a small gift for each student at Christmas. We also save up for larger projects such as the play equipment used for sports and remarking of the playground, which the School Council played a significant role in designing.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

There are lots of ways you can help and support your child through the PTA. Offering to help before events or at other times during the year is so valuable. It doesn't matter if you can't help on a regular basis or even if you can't come into school. There are always little jobs that can be done from home if you have half an hour to spare e.g. wrapping gifts, preparing raffle tickets etc. We really couldn't achieve what we do without the unseen army of help that exists in school.

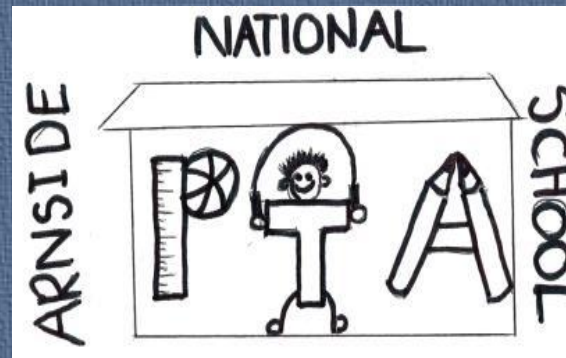
You can of course, if you feel able, volunteer to be a Committee Member. Or you can simply come along to the meetings and give us your ideas for fundraising events – this is also the time to ask questions or voice your opinion. You can help by letting us know if you have any contacts or skills we could use – everything is potentially valuable to us.

COMMITTEE

Chair:	Sara Owen
Minutes/Correspondence Secretary:	vacant/Vicky Emsley
Treasurer:	Jenny Goddard
Publicity:	Fleur McCarten
Uniform:	Jill Sweetman
Voucher Co-ordinator:	Heather Atkin
Great North Air Ambulance:	vacant
100 Club:	Julia Walker

Thank you for taking the time to read our brochure. We hope you now know a little more about your PTA. On behalf of all the children we would like to thank you for your invaluable support which enriches the learning experiences and makes their time in school so enjoyable. Every year we need new parents to join the PTA so if you'd like to get involved in any way please contact us either through the school or come along to a meeting.

**Best Wishes and we look forward to meeting you at our events,
from the PTA Committee.**



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teachers

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WELCOME TO YOUR PTA A BOOKLET FOR PARENTS, NEW & OLD 😊

This booklet has been created by our PTA especially for parents of children joining our school community and for those who don't know much about what the PTA is or does. We realise it can be a little nerve-wracking starting at a new school and there always seems to be so many questions to ask. This booklet aims to provide you with information about our Parent Teacher Association which forms a major part of school life.

If you have any questions that remain unanswered or you would like to get involved please contact one of the committee members via the school office.

We are very fortunate to have a PTA that is and has been such an integral part of the school community for many years. In its time the PTA has raised thousands of pounds which have been spent on improving equipment and resources to enhance our children's education and the facilities in school in general.

But our PTA is about much more than just fundraising. The PTA exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school. It is fun too – as we are sure you will find out if you join us at one of the varied events throughout the school year.

HOW DO WE RAISE MONEY?

Like most PTA's the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Some of our most popular events are the Christmas Fair, School disco, Bunny bingo and May fair. Our first school disco will be held on the 23rd October, always a winner with the children.

Other activities that we have organised this year include the return of the 100 Club; you've got to be in it to win it! Refreshments for the Sports day in June and School Production in July, and creating Christmas cards using the children's own art work. We're also looking into running a Quiz night and an evening event for parents, carers and staff and are always open to new ideas! Maybe even get some of our more sporty types to organise something?

Donations from parents – of time, money, items for sale, raffle prizes or services and skills – are what determine the success of our fundraising activities. Even small donations make a big difference to us. We're always on the lookout for other good fundraising ideas too, so be sure to let us know if you have any suggestions – just send us an email, post on Facebook or come along to a meeting.

THE COMMITTEE AND OUR MEETINGS

Our PTA committee is made up of parents and teachers. We currently have 13 elected parents holding committee positions. Members of the PTA give their time voluntarily for the benefit of every child in the school. All parents and members of the school community can get involved if they want to even if they only have a small amount of time available and all parents are automatically members of the Association when their children join our school.

The PTA meet on a regular basis usually once per half term, with smaller working groups meeting as necessary to organise the larger, more time-consuming events. Any parent is welcome at PTA meetings and we are particularly keen to meet new parents. Meeting dates are advertised in the school on the notice boards and via the school email/book bag routes. They usually take place in the school at 3.30pm or 6.30/7.30pm. Our Annual General Meeting is held at the start of the academic year and this is an opportunity to come along and hear in more depth about events we run, funds raised and how the money is to be spent or has been spent. We also elect our new committee at this meeting. The next meeting will be on the 24th September at 3.30pm.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We have PTA class representatives – usually one for each class. They provide a link between individual class parents and the PTA committee. We hope that the support from class reps will help when it comes to organising our main events. They are also a way of feeding comments, questions or concerns about school life into the PTA meetings. Issues discussed here will be taken to appropriate senior staff for attention. Check the notice boards for your class reps names.

HOW DO WE GET INFORMATION TO YOU?

All PTA letters are sent home either via your child's book bag or email. We aim to distribute a PTA newsletter every term; we have two noticeboards – one opposite the door to the infant's entrance and the other in the junior's area. We strongly advocate the use of email to communicate with parents and all PTA correspondence is added to the school website.

COMMUNITY LINKS

We have, over time, developed strong links with the local community and are always well supported by both residents and businesses. Many of our local shops, leisure facilities, community groups and restaurants are very generous in their donations of raffle prizes and funds and provide invaluable support, particularly at our fairs. We are extremely grateful to these community members as they make a huge difference to our fundraising efforts. If you think your workplace could offer us time, services or raffle items please do let us know.