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Dear Parent/Carer

OUR PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA) NEEDS YOU!

Since the pandemic our thriving PTA has declined in numbers and is now made up of parents whose children have left our school and a couple of current parents. Obviously, we would love the parents of *current* pupils to also get involved and help us to raise much needed funds. There has never been a more crucial time to fund raise as school finances become tighter and tighter.

The support from the PTA over the years has been so important and in recent years, our children have benefited in various ways, - the decoration of the school hall; an outside canopy, contribution to the netball kit and our latest is funding the Young Reporter programme for the English department.

Some of the work can be seen on our school website PTA | St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

Can you help the PTA in any way?

Any amount of time is appreciated however small! We know how busy everyone is! We would love to resume our Summer Fair next year as this hasn't taken place since July 2019 and usually raises between £4,000 - £5,000, which is a considerable amount of funding!

The 200 club continues and thank you to all parents who have continued to support this. Standing orders for September have been taken, however if you pay by cash or cheque and would like to continue again this year, please can you send your subscription of £12.00 in as soon as possible. If you would like to join the details are attached! Please return any completed forms by Friday 18 October 2024 so numbers can be allocated. The first draw will take place at the end of November and include September and October.

We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-edmund-arrowsmith-catholic-high-school-pta

If you can offer any support or would like to find out more about joining us please send an email to enquiries@arrowsmith.wigan.sch.uk and we will be in touch.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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