

This information has been put together by Streethay Primary PTA especially for you, as a new family joining our school community.

Starting school is an exciting time for the whole family. Studies show that there's a direct link between parental involvement and how well children do, so why not get involved from the start! This webpage provides you with information about Streethay Primary PTA and lets you know how you can join in.



Why do we have a PTA?

We are fortunate at our school to have a PTA that's an integral part of the school community. We love to create and hold events that help to raise money for our school to enrich the children's learning.

However, our PTA is about much more than simply fundraising. Streethay Primary 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, working towards a common goal. It's fun too - just ask any of the Committee members or volunteers.

All parents and members of the school community are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small or limited amount of time available. There is no quota for how much you have to do – it's a joint effort and can be very rewarding. All families are automatically members of the Streethay Primary PTA when their child joins our school.

Attached a reminder of the '6 reasons why...' it's great to get involved.

Role of the Committee

Our Committee consists of a Chair (Matt Bielby), Treasurer (Richard Wildsmith) and Secretary (Rebecca Cropper)

The Committee meet on a regular basis with smaller working groups meeting as necessary when we are planning larger events.

The Committee also hold open PTA meetings, any member can come along, find out what the association are planning, share ideas and get involved.

We can be contacted by email – streethayprimary.pta@gmail.com and we also have a Facebook & Instagram page, search “PTAStreethayPrimarySchool” to find us.

Volunteers

We welcome any help from parents, teachers and friends, and have a growing list of volunteers who commit their time, knowledge and resource to helping the association. Every little helps, so just one hour of assisting, for example, at our various events, or helping us set up a drinks stand at sports day or wrapping lucky dip prizes for the children or folding raffle tickets (just a few examples) would be invaluable.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our Annual General Meeting is held in January and provides an excellent opportunity for all parents to come along and hear in more detail about our work, the events we have run, the funds we have raised and how the money has been spent. It is also when we elect our new committee members. We would love for you to join us – follow the Facebook page or contact the committee to find out the date!

Support from Parentkind

Streethay Primary PTA is a member of Parentkind, which is a national charity and membership organisation providing support and guidance to over 13,500 parent associations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Membership includes comprehensive insurance cover by Zurich Insurance plc for all our association run events and gives access to support and advice on running the association plus fundraising ideas and good practice hints and tips.

Parentkind also provide resources for Parents, if you would like to sign up to their Parent e-Bulletin please visit <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/Signup>

How we spend the money we raise

The PTA committee are responsible for deciding how our PTA funds are spent. Usually, the School Leadership Team provide a ‘wish list’ of items that the school would like us to consider funding and these are discussed and decided upon. We realise that every penny of fundraising needs to be

spent in the right way and that is why these decisions are taken by the committee.

We would also love to hear from you, parents' input is very welcomed so, if you have an idea of something that would benefit all the students in the school, please do share it with the Committee. We can discuss it at a meeting and feedback.

Funds are typically spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. Funds are not generally spent on improving the fabric of the school building, as this is the responsibility of the school. Our Constitution commits the association to spending money on things that will benefit and enhance the children's learning directly.