

Valley Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Following the PTA AGM last November, you will all be aware by now that no one stood for the main committee positions of Chair Person, Secretary and Treasurer. As a result, the work of the school's PTA has been paused as we need to have named individuals elected to these positions.

Since the AGM, many parents have come forward to offer their support for the essential school fundraising and the future of the PTA – thank you to all those who have shared ideas and committed their support.

With everyone leading such busy lives, we need to ensure that the elected positions of the PTA are not seen as too onerous but, instead, are seen as manageable, privileged positions with everyone playing their part to reinforce that age-old saying of 'many hands make light work'.

Before the pandemic, Sarah Eaton-Sproule and her team had set about establishing small teams to organise and run calendar of termly PTA events. For example, there was a team who took the lead on running the school discos while another team took charge of the Grandparents' Tea event. Recruiting people to different teams is one way of trying to ensure the work of the PTA doesn't fall to the same small group of volunteers for each event.

Another possible option of spreading the load amongst the parent and staff bodies is to assign the different PTA events to specific year groups. For example, the World Food Festival is organised by the Year 1 parents while the Christmas Fair is organised by Years 2 and 4.

To help gather different ideas and suggestions on how the school's PTA can operate effectively in the future, a new group has been set up on Microsoft Teams called Valley PTA Working Group. Thirty families have already signed up to start the conversation and share their ideas about our PTA and, if you would like to be added to this group, please contact the admin team via their email address: admin@valley.bromley.sch.uk to request that you are made a member of this group – the more the merrier.

Finally, we are aware that amongst the parent body at Valley, we have a wealth of skills and professions represented. If you feel that you or the organisation you work for can contribute in some small way to future fundraising at Valley, we would love to hear from you. Please take five minutes to complete the attached form and email back to school using the admin email address above.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher