



St. Paul's Parent Teacher Association  
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## PTA AGM 7PM, WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2013 - THE STUDIO

# Can you spare some time to find more about your PTA?

The PTA will be holding its AGM on 9 October and we would love you to come along to find out more about what we've been doing in the past 12 months and the plans we have for the future.

**We are a very welcoming and friendly PTA and always appreciate ideas from new members, so please don't be scared to get involved - we don't bite! Don't think that if you show the slightest interest, you'll end up committing hours of your valuable time - those of you who lend your support from time to time are just as important as our Committee members.**

As parents and carers of children at the school, you are automatically members of the PTA but if you would like to become more involved (whether by having a role on the Committee or by volunteering to occasionally help sell cakes or help organise an event), then come along on 9 October and find out more.

Although the AGM is a formal meeting, we will keep it as fun and friendly as possible and there will be snacks and refreshments to keep energy levels up!

The main purposes of the meeting are to:

Present the accounts for the past year.

Agree funding requests.

Discuss forthcoming events.

Elect and agree the Committee members (Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer and Secretary).

Most of our current Committee members are happy to be re-elected but we are looking for a Secretary to take minutes of meetings and assist the Co-Chairs. We are also looking for Class Representatives and co-ordinators for specific projects such as Yearbooks, Recycling and introducing a 100 Club.

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If you would like more information about any of the above roles or how you can get involved, please do not hesitate to contact one of our Co-Chairs, Ellie Costello on 07974 750597 or Nicola Hill on 07515 719704. You can also find us on Facebook - group name St Paul's PTA.

# 10 reasons why we need your help!

As parents and carers, you are AUTOMATICALLY a member of the PTA... your voice counts.

Our PTA depends on a continual cycle of parent involvement. As children reach their final year and leave, so do their parents. The teachers and Mr Bown support us when possible, but without all your support, we have no PTA – WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

The PTA is a mixture of parents that work together for the benefit of St Paul's School. Some are full-time parents, some work part-time or work full-time. NONE of us are specialists in fundraising.

Taking an active role with the PTA is critical to your children's success, so we've compiled a list of 10 reasons why helping the PTA will greatly improve your child's experience of school.

## 1. You are vital to the success of the school

- Schools are becoming more and more dependent on their PTAs for funds.
- Without the funds raised by the PTA, your child would not get the benefits of: KS2 den building kits; science boxes; KS1 music lessons; digital cameras; leavers' yearbook gift; gardening supplies, tools and equipment; cricket kit; higher KS1 reading books; play equipment for KS1; EYFS climbing equipment and storage; Reception play equipment; KS1 play equipment; and Year 6 production costume hire.

## 2. It's TOTALLY flexible!

- There are a variety of small ways you can help and be involved – from designing a poster, photocopying and distributing letters in the school, cleaning up after an event, helping out on a stall... so many ways.
- Giving up just 30 minutes of your time to help the PTA is invaluable. If everyone could spare 30 minutes a term to help, just think what we could achieve!
- You don't have to attend PTA meetings – ideas and suggestions can be filtered via Class Reps or Committee members.

## 3. You'll feel more connected

- There's no better way to know what events are being planned, have your say or make new fundraising suggestions, than by offering your help and support.
- You'll get to know teachers and support staff on a more familiar basis.

## 4. You'll be part of a great network

- Every PTA event is an opportunity to meet other parents in the same situation as you.
- You will be part of a like-minded network of people who all share a common goal of improving the school for all our children.

## **5. Make a difference**

- By volunteering to help the PTA, you'll be able to use whatever skills you have for a noble cause.
- Our PTA strive to establish a supportive and encouraging community for the entire school.

## **6. We're not just for mums!**

- It's important to our PTA, our school and our pupils to have dads represented on our committee and to help reach out to other dads.
- Are you a dad with a skill that would come in useful?
- Other carers such as guardians, foster carers and grandparents are welcome too.

## **7. Be a role model**

- By getting involved with our PTA, you'll show your children that not only are they important to you, but their education is as well.
- Your children will see you playing an active part in making their education more varied.
- Getting involved illustrates good teamwork and community spirit.

## **8. What the PTA does affects every parent (and pupil)**

- Your voice matters – the PTA is made up of people elected to represent you, so help us to do this effectively.
- Your ideas and involvement can help improve the quality of education for all the children at our school.
- See the smiles on their faces and know that you have played a part in making school a little more comfortable and fun!

## **9. It's fun!**

- Help plan fun events, socials and get-togethers.
- Suggest NEW fun ways to raise funds.
- Get your whole family involved!

## **10. Finally...**

Our children are only at school for a relatively short time. PTA events such as the Family Magic and Comedy Night, Summer Fete, Christmas Fair, Movie Night, Easter Tombola and Kids Disco will be remembered fondly by our children for a lifetime. The equipment and resources the PTA helps fund, make learning even more engaging. Help us continue to create lasting memories for our children.

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