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RE: Parent Teacher Association

Dear parents and carers,

We need a PTA! Much of the funding that enriches school life for your child is done by the PTA. In the past they have sponsored the children's trips and visits by paying for transport and funded the Y6 leavers' hoodies. A useful fact sheet is attached that gives you information and we, as a school, will help where possible to make it as easy as possible.

If you can spare some time then you can help – named roles, such as PTA Chair; PTA treasurer or PTA secretary all need a bit more time – but it could be helping to shop for an event or doing things behind the scenes.

If we don't get this back up and running then we are all letting the children down – no one wants that... so, please come into the school office and chat it through. Remember – we need your help!

Many thanks,

Daniel Ballard

Headteacher



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St Mary's & St Benedict's PTA

What is a PTA?

A PTA is a voluntary Parent Teacher Association which provides closer links between home and school. It brings staff and parents together in support of the school and working towards a common goal.

Who are the PTA?

All parents and members of the school community can get involved in our school's PTA if they want to, even if they only have a small amount of time available.

What does a PTA do?

Our PTA is focused on raising money for our children whilst bringing the community closer together through fun social events. Examples over the past few years include family bingo nights, discos for the children, raffles, film nights for the children, gift shops and summer fun days.

What happens to the money raised by the PTA?

Money raised is used to buy something that is agreed to be of benefit to the children. Requests from the children and teachers are listened to alongside suggestions and ideas from PTA meetings before a final decision is made. Smaller items can be bought almost immediately, however larger items may perhaps need a few events to create enough revenue. In the past the PTA have contributed to the science garden, special events and curriculum enhancements.

How can I join the PTA?

We currently don't have a working PTA and need people to take on the roles of secretary, treasurer and chairperson. In addition, any other PTA members would be greatly welcomed. Please contact the school office to express your interest.

What should I expect by joining the PTA?

There is usually a meeting in school every 4 to 6 weeks to discuss recent and forthcoming events and any requests for items to purchase. If you want to join the PTA but are unable to attend meetings or offer your help regularly that's absolutely fine as you can be added to the email group so you can still receive the minutes of the meeting. You can then offer your services as and when you are able to. Any time anyone can give to help the PTA is appreciated, no matter how short or infrequent it is, so don't be afraid to say what you are or what you're not able to do.