

WOODBOROUGH SCHOOL PTA

WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR! As all parents of children attending Woodborough School are members of the Woodborough School PTA, I thought I'd send out a reminder of what we are about:

Parent Teacher Association

It's not just the children of Woodborough School who enjoy a wonderful community spirit but the parents and teachers who continue that spirit through the PTA. We are very lucky to count on a huge number of parents to support the fundraising we carry out each year.

The PTA aims to run fantastic fundraising events through the year such as: Summer Fete, Christmas Fair, Popcorn Clubs, School Disco, Bonfire Night. Posters and announcements come out through email, on the PTA notice boards and fencing around the school gates and sometimes via the bookbags. This is where we also ask for volunteers to help at events.

It is so important to have the support of the parent and teacher community in order to ensure that the events can run. Help comes in so many different guises...anything from organizing an event (often in a team with others).... to baking cakes, running a fete stall, selling tickets, donating prizes and simply giving time and energy.

We believe in our power to make a difference to each child's school life by providing the extras and experiences they wouldn't otherwise get the opportunity to enjoy. We aim to support all areas of the curriculum as well as looking after their health and well being. Some of the differences we've made in recent years include:

- funding of the new bus pull in at the front of school
- resurfacing of the sports playground
- donations to art week, book week and global week
- outdoor lockers and benches
- microphones, IT equipment, digital cameras for each class
- interactive white boards, sports and music equipment
- furnishing and decoration of the new library/ICT suite
- fruit for KS2 children at break times

Last academic year (2015/16) the PTA raised £2.5k. Please see the planned events for this school year on the school website (woodboroughschool.org/our-school/ptaevents) and do consider if there are any events that you can volunteer to help with.

The PTA meet around every two months so please do come along and contribute to making a difference. It's a great way of getting to know other parents too. I look forward to seeing you there. The next meeting is the **Annual General Meeting and social event** to be held on **Wednesday 28th September, 7pm.** At

this meeting we will be aiming to pull a team together to run the **Bonfire Night on Friday 4th November** – so do let me know if you are a parent or a team of parents that can contribute to this wonderful event and significant fundraiser for the school.

Class Reps

Each class has a parent or two acting as class reps. They hold a master contact list of children and parents in the class. If you want to share your details, your class rep can add you to this list and share the list with you.

The class reps for 2016/17 are:

Oak class – Jo Needham, Justyna Fila

Sycamore class – Lorna Freemantle, Hilary Dunstan

Maple class – Natasha Lichter

Cherry class – Tana Shanagher

Lime class – Nicola Smith, Ann Leyshon

Elm class – Helen Atkins

Willow class - Clara Hickman/Louisa Packham

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

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