



How you can help your PTA

Last year was another very successful one for the PTA. Over £20,000 was raised for both schools to buy equipment and resources to support our children's learning.

This was thanks to a lot of hard work – from everyone who helped out at an event and, especially, from those who planned, organised and ran them.

We are always looking to increase this group of people. As each school year ends and pupils leave, unfortunately we also lose parents who have contributed to the PTA over many years. We need new people to get involved to replace them or else the PTA, and the money it raises, will dwindle away.

The **PTA AGM** is on **September 26th** at 8pm at The Crown. This is a great opportunity to find out what the PTA do, meet some of the committee members and see how you can help. Alternatively email ssaspta@gmail.com and let them know you are keen to get involved.

Urgent Vacancy

The current Chair, Celia Roberts, will be stepping down after the AGM. Although there is a lot of experience, knowledge and skill on the Committee, this role is crucial for holding everything together, setting direction and overall planning. If you feel you could take over, either on your own or with someone else, then please get in touch asap. Anyone who steps forward will receive plenty of help and support from Celia and the Committee.

Vacancies in the Future

Both the Treasurer, Stephen Nosowski and the Deputy Treasurer, Bernie Jackson, have indicated that they would like to step down at the end of this academic year. These roles are essential to the running of the PTA and we would not be able to continue without them. The Treasurer role does not need to be at school during the day - both Stephen and the previous Treasurer work fulltime. The Deputy Treasurer role requires some availability during the day and trips to the bank. Bernie has combined this with her job. To help keep things running smoothly, Stephen and Bernie have both offered to have a long handover with their replacements so please let us know if you would like to know more about either of these roles.

Get Paid for Volunteering!

If you are a working parent and also volunteer, the PTA could receive a financial donation for your time. A Year Four mum helped at PTA events last year and her employer, The Economist Group, donated £25.00 for every hour she volunteered. This resulted in a fantastic £500 contribution to PTA funds.

Please do look into whether your company runs a similar scheme. As the PTA is a registered charity it should meet the requirements of a company match-giving scheme.

Other Ways to Help

If a role on the Committee is not right for you and running an event seems too daunting then please try to help in other ways.

- 1) **Volunteer** : All our events need parents to help them run smoothly – most pressingly the Autumn Fair on September 23rd.
- 2) **Easy Fundraising** : raise money for the PTA by shopping online at your usual websites. - Join at easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ssaspta.
 - Shop at major online sites such as John Lewis, Amazon and Booking.com
 - Raise money for the PTA through a contribution from the retailer at no cost to you!

So far only 70 people have signed up but between them they have raised over £900. Think how much more it could be.

- 3) **Donate** : We are always looking for raffle prizes. Good quality, unused but unwanted presents.
- 4) **Support** : In areas such as colour photocopying, PowerPoint etc – please let us know if you could occasionally help us out.

Upcoming Events

DATE	PTA EVENTS	LOCATION	TIME
Saturday 16 th September 	The Ball by the Lake ALL TICKETS SOLD	St Michael's Manor	From 6pm
Saturday 23 rd September 	Autumn Fair With all the usual favourites. A welcome to new parents and welcome back to everyone else.	Infant School	12-3pm
Tuesday 26 th September 	PTA AGM & Social Come along for a drink and a chat to find out more	The Crown Pub	8pm
Saturday 9 th December 	SSAS at the Pantomime - Aladdin	The Alban Arena	10.30am