



Welcome to Our School

Friends of All Saints' School PTA



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This information has been put together by Friends of All Saints' School PTA especially for you, as a new family joining our school community. Starting school is an exciting time for the whole family. Studies show that there's a direct link between parental involvement and how well children do, so why not get involved from the start! This booklet provides you with information about Friends of All Saints' School PTA and lets you know how you can join in.

Why do we have a PTA?

We are fortunate at our school to have a Parents Teachers Association (PTA) that's an integral part of the school community. Over the last 10 years we have raised thousands of pounds, which has been spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's educational experience and the school's facilities.

Our association is about much more than simply fundraising. Friends of All Saints' School PTA exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. It's fun too - just ask any of the Committee members or volunteers.

All parents and members of the school community are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available. All families are automatically members of the Friends of All Saints' School PTA when their child joins our school.



1. For the kids

Being active in the PTA not only improves your child's school but makes you an excellent role model. Research confirms what we've always known: when children see us involved in their school and learning, it encourages them to do their best.



2. It builds trust

Becoming part of the PTA is a great way to get to know other parents and teachers while gaining an insight into the workings of the school. With parents and teachers striving towards the same goals, the parent group is instrumental in making a real difference in the school life of all children.



3. It raises welcome funds

Whether it's creating an outdoor classroom, stocking the science lab with new Bunsen burners or arranging a visit from a top author, the funds raised from your activities impact massively on the opportunities and experiences of all the children at school.



4. It gives you a voice

Many PTAs already act as a consultative group for the school leaders and governors. So whether it's deciding on where PTA funds are spent or getting parent views on wraparound care, you can make sure parents have a voice in how your school operates.



5. It forges connections beyond the school gates

PTAs are brilliant for building relationships with the local community, from events, sponsorships from local businesses, and mentions in local press. Some Parentkind members have worked with local employees to run career fairs.



6. It's good for you!

Every parent has plenty to offer a PTA, and whether it's being on the committee, helping out at events or organising meetings, your talents will be put to good use. As well as being enjoyable and satisfying, you can build your confidence and learn new skills too.

Role of the Committee

Our Committee consists of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and Ordinary Committee Members

Chair – Rebecca Tonge

Treasurer – Amanda Price

Secretary – Helen Cranness

The Committee meet about 4-6 times a year (in a very informal way!) to discuss events, fundraising opportunities and how we can help the school. These committee meetings are open and any member can come along, find out what the association are planning, share ideas and get involved.

Volunteers

We welcome any help from parents, teachers and friends, and have a growing list of volunteers who commit some of their time to helping the association. Every little helps, so just one hour of assisting at event or wrapping lucky dip prizes or folding raffle tickets (just a few examples) would be invaluable. If you would like to join us please speak to a committee member, come along to our next meeting or email us - friendsofallsaintspta@outlook.com. There is also a reply slip at the back of this booklet you can complete and return to the school office.

Class Representatives

Our class reps play a very important role, providing a link between individual classes and parents, and the PTA committee. The support from class reps is vital when it comes to organising our main events, from selling tickets to organising rotas of help. We really could not manage without them.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our Annual General Meeting is held in September and provides an excellent opportunity for all parents to come along and hear in more detail about our work, the events we have run, the funds we have raised and how the money has been spent. It is also when we elect our new committee members and class representatives.

Support from Parentkind

Our PTA is a member of Parentkind, which is a national charity and membership organisation providing support and guidance to over 13,500 parent associations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Membership includes comprehensive insurance cover by Zurich Insurance plc for all our association run events and gives access to support and advice on running the association plus fundraising ideas and good practice hints and tips

Parentkind also provide resources for Parents, if you would like to sign up to their Parent e-Bulletin please visit <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/Signup>

How we raise money

Like most PTAs, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Some of our most popular events are:

School Discos, Fayres, Non-uniform Days, Gift rooms for special events, Movies with friends and many other events.

Donations from parents are extremely important. You can donate time, money, items for sale, raffle prizes and auction lots or offers of services and skills.

How we spend the money we raise

The PTA committee are responsible for deciding how our PTA funds are spent. Usually the School Leadership Team provide a 'wish list' of items that the school would like us to consider funding.

We also invite input from parents too, so if you have an idea of something that would benefit all the students in the school, please do share it with the Committee. We can discuss it at a meeting and feedback.

Funds are typically spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. Funds are not generally spent on improving the fabric of the school building, as this is the responsibility of the school. Our Constitution commits the association to spending money on things that will benefit the children directly.

How we keep you up to date

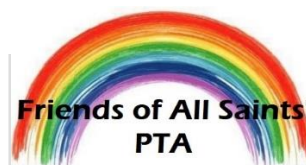
Our newsletter is sent home via ParentMail, this includes information on upcoming events and dates plus as well as details of the help we are looking for at larger events. Following an event, we always write to let you know how much was raised, and when we reach our target, we tell you what the money will be spent on.

We have a PTA noticeboard situated by the front gate where you'll find all our posters and news.

If you have access to Facebook, please join our Friends of All Saints' School PTA Facebook page.



Join us on
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If you would like to join our Whatsapp Group please email us and let us know.

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We look forward to welcoming you to our school!

Please support

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All help is welcome – no matter how much or how little time you are able to give. We will contact you before events to find out what support you can offer.

What's the PTA? – the School Needs Us and We Need You!

- Parent/Teacher Group
- Help make the school a better and fun place for the children
- Arrange fun events and raise money for the school

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Parent or carer's name:

Child's name and class:

Contact number:

Contact email:

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Get involved and have your say!

- ☐ Please tick this box if you are happy to be added to a PTA mailing list so we can keep you updated with what's being planned, ask for your ideas, and invite you to meetings and events.

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If you have any questions, please speak to a committee member, or email friendsofallsaintspta@outlook.com

We look forward to seeing you at the next event!

