



# WAYNFLETE INFANTS' SCHOOL PTFA

September 2022

Welcome back to all the existing and new parents at Waynflete Infants' School, we hope you had a great summer!

We are fortunate at Waynflete to have a PTFA that is, and has been, an integral part of the school community for many years. In its time the PTFA has raised thousands of pounds, which has been spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's education experience and the school's facilities.

Our PTFA is about much more than simply fundraising. The PTFA 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. All parents and members of the school community are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available.

## **Role of the PTFA**

Our PTFA committee consists of a few key roles Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications Officer, Purchasing Officer, Communications and general members. The Committee meets once every half term. Our main objectives are to raise funds to help the school provide additional resources for the pupils. We run social events for parents and children. We aim to engage in activities or provide facilities or equipment which support the school. The school will benefit from the additional funds and this will give parents the opportunity to be more involved in their children's school life.

## **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our Annual General Meeting which is going to be held on **Friday 30th September at 7.30pm** in the school hall and provides an opportunity for all parents to come along and hear in more detail about the work of the PTFA, the events we have run, the funds we have raised and how the money has been spent. It is also the occasion when we elect our new committee members and start planning for the year ahead.

## **How we raise money**

Like most PTFAs, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run during the year. We are always looking for new fundraising ideas but some of our most popular events are school discos, the Christmas Bazaar, commission from the sale of Christmas cards designed by the children and Bingo. We also have a presence at community events such as the Brackley Community Carnival.

## **How we spend the money we raise**

Following a fundraising event the money is banked straight away. It is at our PTFA committee meetings, that the decisions on how to spend the money are agreed. Mrs Lagdon, along with staff will have a 'wish list' of items that the school would like the PTFA to consider funding. Sometimes this will be as a result of the children asking for something. In the past academic year, PTFA funds have purchased globes for each classroom, storage units, new books, paid for a whole school Maths Day, paid for the annual Year 2 Leaver's Party and subsidised the annual pantomime.

### **How you can get involved**

There are lots of ways you can help and support your child through the PTFA. Offering to help before events or at other times during the year is so valuable. It doesn't matter if you can't help on a regular basis, or even if you cannot come into school. There are always jobs that can be done from home if you have half an hour to spare e.g. wrapping gifts, preparing crafts etc. We really couldn't achieve what we do without the behind the scenes help that we receive.

In addition, donations from parents are extremely important. You can donate money, raffle prizes, company sponsorship of events or offers of services and skills.

As a PTFA we are very conscious that, with a relatively small school community, the demands are often not as widely spread as in larger schools and, because of this, we try to raise our funds from as many different sources as possible.

If you would like to be more involved you can volunteer to become a PTFA member at the AGM (or if you can't attend feel free to email us in advance to add your name). If you are interested in any of the above, would like more details on the roles, or would simply like to add your contact details to our supporters list, please email [ptfateamwaynflete@gmail.com](mailto:ptfateamwaynflete@gmail.com).

We look forward to welcoming you all to the AGM on **Friday 30th September 2022 at 7:30pm**

Best wishes,

Waynflete Infants' School PTFA

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