



# Newsletter 24

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**OUR RETURN TO SCHOOL** – A huge well done to all of our children who have settled back into school life with ease. We are very proud of them all. It's a joy to see all the children back learning in the classrooms, playing in the playgrounds and above all 'Achieving Our Best Together'.



**RED NOSE DAY** - This year, as we missed pancake day due to lockdown, we will be holding a sponsored pancake flip to raise money for Red Nose Day on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Children may wear non uniform on this day.**

Sponsor forms for the pancake flip are attached. In the next two weeks, please gather as many sponsors as you can for your child's pancake flip and to raise money for this great cause. Thank you.

**Please return sponsor money and forms to school by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on the front.** Thank you.

**Please note – 50% of the money raised will go to the school and 50% will go to support Red Nose Day.**



Starting next week – can you guess who's behind the mask?

**YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU!** Thank you to the PTA for an organised, efficient and above all enjoyable meeting yesterday in which we covered a lot and made several decisions beneficial to the children of our school. Particular thanks to the parents/carers who took us up on the offer of watching without microphone or camera turned off. This allows those who are unsure of what the PTA does an opportunity to find out, and consider joining the group themselves.

We very much need new members for this fantastic organisation, as several key members will be leaving with their children at the end of Year 6. Over the past few years the PTA have funded our climbing wall, play equipment, hundreds of books and parts of our forest school, and our now gearing up to raise money for our new middle playground development. This truly is a wonderful group to belong to, and one we do not wish to lose, or the benefits to the children that come with it.

**CLOTHING COLLECTION** - The PTA will once again be collecting no longer wanted clothing in June. Having carried this out before, we raised an amazing amount to fund equipment and books for our children. If you have any unwanted clothing please store it at home and bring it in on our big collection day! (Please do not bring it in before this as we have no storage facility, thank you).

# REASONS TO JOIN YOUR PTA

## 1. Your child benefits

The PTA is an important part of the school and helps enrich your child's experience. Our fundraising provides extras such as the outdoor play equipment, library books, iPads, wet play games, arts and crafts materials and in school drama productions and visits.

## 2. To make a difference

As well as fundraising, the PTA organises events which add to the school experience, including discos, fayres, firework displays, Christmas activities, story telling, movie nights and more - creating a real sense of community and belonging.

## 3. Have fun

Being part of the PTA is a fun and rewarding experience. We host fantastic events at the school, where parents can get together and make new connections. Our back to school BBQ is a particular favourite with live music, great food, games and a licensed bar!

## 4. Make friends

Many friendships develop from being part of the PTA. Volunteering your time and working towards a common goal is a rewarding experience where long lasting bonds are formed. We also organise out of school social activities too - drinks, dinners, bbqs etc. We put the fun in fundraising!

## 5. Feel involved

Every parent is welcome to our meetings and we love seeing new members there. Please consider coming along and finding out more about us, we don't bite and we won't rope you into anything you don't have time for! Even an hour of your time at an event would be great.

## 6. Give a helping hand

We are all busy and the time we can give varies. We are grateful for any you can spare, whether it's an hour to fold raffle tickets, bake a cake or shop for supplies, a few hours to run a stall or a little more to be on the committee - everything helps!

## 7. Keep your PTA going

As parents move on from the school, there is a real danger that there will no longer be a PTA to carry on providing this valuable school resource. Please do consider getting involved, and bring your friends too - let's save the PTA!