



# St Laurence Church Infant School PTA



WELCOME to the Autumn edition of our St Laurence PTA newsletter. We hope you all had a lovely summer and the children are all settling in well to their new classes. We would like to take this opportunity to say a special welcome to all our new reception

## THANK YOU:

First and foremost we would like to thank everyone for all their help over the last year: to all those who volunteered to help at the school discos, those who baked delicious cakes for cake sale, those who ran stalls at the Christmas fayre and those who took part in the quiz evening. We are truly grateful for all your support and could not run these events to raise money for our children without your help. A special thanks this year must go to Glenn Talbot who ran the Birmingham half Marathon in October (in the cold and pouring rain) and raised a massive £300 for the PTA, Thank You Glenn! We would also like to say a huge thank you to last year's PTA committee members: Mrs Proctor (Headteacher/teachers representative), Fiona Lighting (chair), Su Newton-Ede (Vice chair), Stephanie Barber (Secretary) and Kristina Wootton (Treasurer), without all of your dedication and hard work behind the scenes none of these wonderful events would be possible.



## MONEY, MONEY, MONEY...

2016-2017 has been a hugely successful year for the PTA. Through everyone's hard work we have been able to put on excellent events such as year group discos, Christmas fayre, quiz night and scrumptious cake sales. From events such as these the PTA have raised essential funds and have therefore been able to donate a significant sum of £3000 to the school. Due to the government funding cuts, all of this money has been spent on vital equipment, namely new school reading books. The PTA was also delighted to be able to fund gifts for all our children including Easter eggs and Christmas gifts, as well as leaving presents for all children in year 2- at a total cost of over £1000. We are always trying to think of new ways to raise money so any ideas are greatly appreciated.



## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We would love to see you at our half-termly PTA meetings but understand that not everyone who would like to attend is able to, due to other commitments. To try and tackle this issue we have begun to alternate the days of the week on which our meetings are held, hopefully doing this will allow more parents to attend from time to time. There are also many other ways in which you can get involved in the PTA if you are interested, including... baking or selling cakes at the cake sale, helping at events such as discos, volunteering on a stall at or donating prizes for the Christmas fayre or



getting sponsorship for an event you are taking part in. New fundraising ideas are always much appreciated, if you have any bright ideas please catch one of us on the playground or put a little note in our PTA box situated just inside the school office.



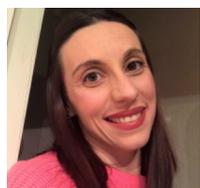
# hello



We are the PTA committee members for 2018-2019 and would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. The committee members and parent volunteers can change on a yearly basis as our pupils and parents move on to the junior school, making it really important that we get the

**Chairperson:**

**Kristina Wootton**



I'm hugely excited to have been elected your Chairperson of our wonderful PTA this year. I'm passionate about raising much needed funds for school and creating fantastic fun for both the children and parents! You can catch me on the playground daily, morning and afternoons. I have 3 children, my daughter is currently at the infants in year 2. I would love to hear your thoughts and ideas...and would especially love to hear of anyone who could help volunteer! Let's make this a fantastic year!

**Vice chair:**

**Fiona Lighting**



Hi, My name is Fiona and I have been the Chair of the PTA for the last two years and this year will be filling the role of Vice Chair. I am thrilled to be back on the committee raising vital funds for our children's school, planning social events for us parents and carers and providing treats and fun experiences for the kids to enjoy. My daughter is currently in year 2 so I would love to make my final year on the committee our best one yet!

**Treasurer:**

**Lindsey Cook**



I'm Lindsey, mother to Joseph in RB and 20 month old Oliver. I am new to the PTA this year and looking forward to starting my role as Treasurer. I've worked at The Gambling Commission for 10yrs, where I met my husband James. I am not from Northfield originally but James attended St Laurence and my Mother-in-law is a former dinner lady. I really hope we have a great fundraising year and encourage anyone thinking about attending a meeting or volunteering to do so...we can't do it without you.

**Secretaries:**

**Becky Talbot,  
Abi Dickeson and  
Jocelyn Choyce**



This is our 3rd year being PTA members, we now all have both a child in year 2 and a child in reception. The PTA has provided a great opportunity to meet other parents and work together towards a common goal, that directly impacts on all of our children. We are fortunate at St Laurence to have a PTA who are so passionate about the children and we are very proud to be part of this team and to play a part in giving back to both the school and our children. Due to work commitments we have very limited time to offer during school hours but we can attend evening meetings. However, we are aware that others can support events during school time but are not able to attend the evening meetings and that's what makes the PTA successful.

**Dates for The Diary:**

- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov** Non-uniform Day in aid of tombola prizes for the Christmas Fayre (details to follow)
- Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Christmas Fayre 3.30-5pm
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Jan:** PTA Meeting
- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Feb:** Year 1 disco
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb:** PTA Non-uniform day
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> March:** PTA meeting
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> May:** PTA meeting
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May:** Cake bake
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June:** Bags2school
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June:** PTA meeting



There is a common misconception that being a part of the PTA involves attending lots of formal meetings. This is not the case. No matter how small, any help in any form contributes to the success of the PTA. Ideally it would be great to have a PTA representative from each class, in order to share information and gather ideas as widely and as quickly as possible. If you are interested in becoming a class rep then please catch one of us in the playground or post a message in the PTA box in the office. Alternatively we can be contacted via email or our Facebook page:



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