

# The PTA needs you!!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a new school year starts, we are looking forward to meeting the new parents as well as continuing working with the ones who have been with us for a few years. We will be holding our annual AGM on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 7pm at the Infant site where we will be electing a new Chair, a new secretary and a new treasurer. You are cordially invited to attend. The evening will start with a drinks reception followed by the formal meeting at 7.30pm.

The more parents get involved, the more we can create successful fundraising opportunities for the school. Even if you are a very busy working parent, you can help in little ways so please join us! And if you have a brilliant idea on how to raise more funds we would love to hear from you.

## *What is the PTA?*

The PTA (Parents Teachers Association) is a formal organisation composed of parents, teachers and staff that is intended to facilitate participation in a school. The main aim of the PTA is to raise valuable funds that can be invested in the school directly benefiting children's development.

## *As a parent, what kind of participation does it involve?*

As very little or as much as you want. If you are the type of person who likes to organise events, you might like to want to get involved in running some of our larger events. But if it's not your thing and you are simply too busy, you can still contribute by manning a stall for an hour at one of our fairs or help with some bagging's, wrapping or sticking that can be done in your own time at home. Whatever contribution you can offer will be greatly appreciated and make a huge difference. The more people get involved the less each of us will have to do.

## *What type of fundraisers does the PTA organise?*

Past events include:

- ✓ School disco
- ✓ Cinema club
- ✓ Cake sale
- ✓ Ice pop sale
- ✓ Second hand uniform sale
- ✓ Christmas and Summer Fair ....

## **2017/18 results**

Last year, we raised over £22,000. We are grateful to all the parents who helped us organising events and raising funds. So a huge THANK YOU to you all.

Breakdown of income:

Fairs	£16,712
Discos	£2,112
Cake Sales	£1,492
Movie Night	£715
Ice Pops/Uniform/Sports Day Sales	£1,116
Donations/Miscellaneous	£771

Significant purchases in recent years include:

Astro turf at the Infants  
Junior school kitchen  
Junior trim trail  
Defibrillators for both sites

## **2018/19 objectives...**

Continue to build on reserves in order to contribute to the investment on the playing fields

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **Christmas Fair**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**Junior site**

# How you can help us...

We totally appreciate that many parents have busy lives juggling work and children. We aren't expecting anybody to take sole ownership of a project but we are looking for parents who can contribute their time in helping running events. The more helpers we get the less we will all need to do. We have listed below a range of tasks that will need to be attributed. If you could let us know how you would be able to help the PTA we would be hugely grateful. If you tick any of the below, we will contact you nearer the time of the event to plan together how you can help. Please do pass this on to grandparents and other family members who might also be interested in getting involved too.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Manage stall at fairs                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cake sale                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice pop sale                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disco supervisor             | <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping (going to cash & carry)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wrapping / sticking          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweets bagging                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairs set-up and breakdown   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bar & BBQ at fairs (a favourite with the dads!!) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Designing posters and flyers | <input type="checkbox"/> Raffles prizes gathering                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good with numbers            | <input type="checkbox"/> Administration / communication                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craft                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports activities                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cinema supervisor            | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting   |

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for returning the form. We will be contacting you very soon.**

**In the meantime, there are a number of ways you can stay in touch with the PTA:**

**Facebook : Christchurch PTA**  
**Email: [ccnm.pta@hotmail.com](mailto:ccnm.pta@hotmail.com)**  
**Treasurer: [ccnm.ptat@hotmail.com](mailto:ccnm.ptat@hotmail.com)**  
**In person/by post: via school offices**