

PTA NEWSLETTER

Welcome to another busy school year!

WHO ARE THE PTA?

We are a small but dedicated bunch of parents and teachers who meet approximately once a month during term time to organise events and activities for pupils and their parents. The money we raise goes towards buying equipment for the school, but being involved in the PTA is also a great way to get to know other parents. The PTA Committee members are:

Lesley Wratten – Chair
Beverley Bird – Vice-Chair
Janet Craggs – Treasurer
Karen Shaw – Secretary

We can be contacted via the PTA email address: PTA@redhouseschool.co.uk

New members are always welcome at PTA meetings which are held approximately once a month during term time and are always very informal. At the meetings we decide what events and activities we are going to organise and how we are going to spend the money raised. We are holding our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 4th October at 5pm in the Barn, N&I School - please come along if you are interested in getting involved.

If you are not able to come to our regular meetings but would still like to be involved (e.g. helping occasionally at events), you don't need to be a full PTA member. We are always looking for PTA Helpers who can help us to prepare for events, serve refreshments, help on stalls, etc. Even if you can only spare an hour in the whole year, your help would be appreciated and means we can do more! Please let us know if you are able to help and we will add you to our list of Helpers. We contact Helpers when help is required but you are under no obligation to help at every event!

If you are interested in getting involved either as a PTA member or a PTA Helper, please either return the slip below to Karen Shaw via the School Offices or contact Karen at k.simpson22@btinternet.com.

WHAT DOES THE PTA DO?

The following are a selection of the events and activities that we organise or support throughout the year:

- The annual Bonfire Night event is a huge success and we sell approximately 500 tickets.
- We organise the Summer Fete and Red House Ball.
- We also organise other social events throughout the year, e.g. the Race Night.
- We support the numerous Christmas events throughout the school, including serving refreshments at the Christmas productions and parties, and organising the Christmas tombolas and raffle. We organise and distribute a DVD of N&I Christmas productions.
- The PTA supports the Easter Fun Day and provides Easter treats for the pupils.
- The PTA provides and serves refreshments for the children at the end of term Cinema Nights.
- We organise Bags2School collections of used clothing.

- PTA members serve refreshments and welcome prospective parents at Open Mornings.
- We serve refreshments at a variety of school events, such as the Proms in the Courtyard, the Art Exhibition and Fashion Show.

WHAT WE SPENT MONEY ON LAST YEAR

We hope that the activities and events organised are fun for the pupils and parents, but the money raised also goes to equipment which benefits pupils throughout the school. Last year we spent money on the following:

- The refurbishment of the Prep and Senior School library.
- Half the cost of a defibrillator.
- Equipment for the Nursery Garden.
- Music stand covers.
- Photographic equipment
- Christmas parties. This includes books from Santa for N&I, refreshments at school productions, and tombola and raffle prizes.
- Prizes for the Easter egg competitions and Easter treats.

We are also working towards providing lighting for the P&S school playing field.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wine and Cheese Evening – Thursday 21st September
- Cinema Night – Friday 13th October
- Bonfire Night – Friday 3rd November
- Bag2School collection – Thursday 2nd November
- Ball – 27th April

ANY IDEAS?

If you have any ideas for events or activities, please let us know!

RED HOUSE SCHOOL PTA

I _____ wish to join the Red House School PTA as:

PTA member

PTA Helper

(please tick as appropriate)

Email address: _____

Phone no.: _____

Signed _____ Child's Form _____

Please return to School Office, FAO Karen Shaw