

PTA Newsletter

Hello everyone!

Can I just say a very warm welcome to all the new families who have joined Stapleford Primary this year and how lovely to see all the returning pupils and staff back at school! 2020 has certainly been a strange year and let's take a moment to say well done for managing/coping with homeschooling and all that life has thrown at us since Covid-19 reared its ugly head.

We would normally have a PTA (Parent-Teacher-Association) AGM at the beginning of the school year. However, due to restrictions, we cannot do this in the usual manner. Therefore, **we propose that we hold the AGM via a Zoom link (everyone welcome) on Fri 9th Oct 11 am.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7442232385?pwd=czN2WVJ6SE4rZWRNWHczaEtKaHJFZz09>

Meeting ID: 744 223 2385

Passcode: 878904

The purpose of the AGM is to review the Treasurer's Report for the previous academic year, discuss the Headteacher's Wish list for the year ahead and to vote in people to specific roles. Everyone is automatically a member of the PTA and I would encourage you to get involved where possible. **There are specific roles that need to be taken on every year in order for the group to keep going. I will be stepping down as Chair - as will Julia (Secretary) and John (Treasurer). Thank you to everyone for all your hard work but especially John & Julia.**

The Chair

Main duty: To liaise with Mrs Spain/teachers & to have the final say on PTA decisions.

Key jobs: To make all committee members feel welcome and valued; to set the PTA agenda; to provide leadership; to co-write the annual PTA report.

Needs to be: Enthusiastic, calm; good at listening; decisive.

The Treasurer

Main duty: To oversee the PTA's financial affairs.

Key jobs: To manage accounts; do banking and maintain up-to-date financial records.

Needs to be: Reliable; organised; good with numbers.

The Secretary

Main duty: To keep up-to-date records of PTA activity.

Key jobs: To organise PTA meetings; to prepare and distribute agendas and minutes; to build strong relationships with key school staff – including the office staff and caretakers.

Needs to be: Organised; good at time management and friendly.

Please email me at eleanorwaters01@gmail.com by **Thursday 8th October** if you are interested in a particular role or if you have any questions. Names will be announced at the AGM and people will then be voted in.

The PTA is a great way to bring together parents, teachers and our local community to raise funds and to support the school. **On average, the PTA raises well over £10000 across the year and this is crucial to help support the school which is so desperately underfunded.** Funds have previously gone towards replacing the moat bridge, our stunning mural and climbing traverse wall in the back playground, books and furniture, playground markings and signs, coaches for the pantomime trip and even hatching eggs!

Sadly, so many of the 2020 PTA events had to be cancelled - school discos, Big Bounce and Summer Fete. Realistically, we will not be able to organise whole school events and certainly we cannot have people from outside the school visiting so our Winter Fayre will not be happening either. This will leave a massive dent in the PTA bank account and, ultimately, we need to think of other ways that we can support our school.

Where possible, we can offer virtual events and our Fun Run Team have done an incredible job of organizing this. Thank you! Please do get involved & remember that you can run 5k any day 10th - 17th Oct and record this. Thank you to everyone who has donated already. If you would like to sponsor your child or run and raise funds yourself, here is the link to the JustGiving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/staplefordrun>

Mrs Spain would like to put any PTA funds towards the following wish list:

- **Running track-** (inside the perimeter- similar to William Westley school) (last quote was around £15k and we have approx £6000k left from sports funding to go towards it) **£10000 needed**
- **20 x new chromebooks plus licenses** (Your Cloud Works- £5187.92)
- **Outdoor round wooden shelter** with benches - like an outdoor classroom (approx £7800)
- **New set of waterproof trousers for reception class:** fleece lined red or black : aged 4-5 sale price £14.99 25 pairs (approx £375.00)
- **Some tarpaulins, bungees, grips, string** - various suppliers (£150)
- **100l Litter bin for bottom playground** - litterbins.co.uk (£129.95)
- **MFL French resources - posters/games etc** (£200)
- **Upgrading the sound system in the hall** (approx £2000)

- **Wooden picnic benches** (£250-£300 each)
- **Defibrillator external lockable cabinet** (£505)

If anyone has any experience applying for grants/funding and they have time to spare exploring this on behalf of the PTA then please do so!

This year has been so difficult for so many and we all have different situations and ongoing concerns. For those who do feel they are able to help support Stapleford Primary, then the easiest way is by donating directly. You can either make a one off contribution or spread this donation as a monthly direct debit. **Giving just £5 per month would generate £60 per year. If all 200 pupils gave this amount, we would have an incredible £12000!!!** If you feel that you can help out, please give to:

Account Name: Stapleford Community Primary School PTA
Sort Code: 30-91-74
Account; 01666727

or write a cheque to Stapleford Community Primary School PTA . **It is also worthwhile asking your employers if they are able to make a contribution as some companies have funds set aside to support local schools & clubs.** Anything you can give will not only make a difference for this academic year but will help children in years to come.

Thank you so much,
PTA