

# A warm welcome to your PTA!

Following our meeting on Thursday, we felt it may be useful to provide you all with some key information about the PTA (Parent Teacher Association), how you can help and what's in it for you!

### What is the PTA?

The main function of the PTA is to support the school by raising as much money as we can to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for the children. We help to provide those 'little extras' that make school memorable, such as the outside climbing wall, keeping a well-stocked library, fun IT equipment like ipads, Easter egg hunts...and coming soon...a Wooden Train for the Playground!

We also exist to bring the communities of school and home closer together, because it makes sense for parents to be involved in the life of their children's school.

#### Who runs the PTA?

The PTA is run by a committee who are all volunteers, as well as members of the schools Senior Leadership Team. We also have representatives from each class, who help to 'rally the troops', with support at our events! We have approx. 6 meetings a year (usually 1 per half term and maybe a couple of extra 'panic' meetings in the lead up to big events!).

#### What about the parents?

As a parent, or adult responsible for the care of a St Joseph's pupil; you are automatically a member of the school's PTA. Don't be scared though...it is totally flexible, no commitment required, and you don't need any special qualifications!...That said, if we do have any parents who have super-skills in 'Event Planning', 'Finance', 'Admin duties' or just being totally unflappable in crowded chaos, then you would definitely be a major asset to the team!

#### What do you do?

- Events Discos, Movie Nights, the Easter Egg hunt, and the Summer Fete.
- Christmas card printing with the children's own design
- Non-uniform days
- Pre-loved school uniform sales



We rely on the fantastic support offered by our parents and families, who help as and when they can...the more people become involved though, the more we can achieve and the easier it will be!

## Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our AGM is on Thursday 23rd November.

During this meeting it would be fantastic to welcome new attendees and have offers to take on Committee roles (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary & Treasurer) for the 2023/24 academic year.

The meeting is currently planned to start at school at 3:30pm, however, this can be flexible if we have people wishing to get involved and cannot make this time or location. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend but are finding the time / location an issue. As well as electing the committee members we will also be planning the years activities, and deciding what we hope to be able to purchase for the school and ultimately our children!

Thanks for reading, we hope to see you soon!

Rhian, Kat, Liz and Suzie