



PTA Newsletter

Autumn 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may know we have recently elected a new committee headed up by Chloe and Cassie Green. The committee met earlier this term and agreed that it was important for parents to be more aware of the role of the PTA in helping to support the school in achieving their aims each year. With this in mind we have created our first PTA newsletter. In this edition we hope to outline what we have achieved over the last two years, since we started as the new PTA of the Primary School; what we are going to be spending money on this year and what we hope to raise money for in the future.

As always we cannot achieve these targets without your unrelenting support as parents of children who attend Horsford CE VA Primary School. So as well as saying thank you to all the PTA members past, present and future, we also thank all of you that constantly support non uniform days, attend our fayres and give your time to donating items. It is very much appreciated and we hope you will continue to support us in the future.

Mrs Kirton & Miss Anderson & the PTA committee

EVENT	DATE	VENUE
90s night	Saturday 29 th September	Horsford Village Hall
Non Uniform Day (Own Choice)	Thursday 19 th October	Both sites
Shopping & Pamper Evening	Thursday 2 nd November	Horsford Primary Holt Road
PTA Meeting	Monday 20 th November	Horsford Primary Mill Lane
Christmas Fayre	Friday 24 th November	Horsford Primary Mill Lane
KS2 Disco	Wednesday 6 th December	Horsford Primary Mill Lane
R & KS1 Disco	Friday 8 th December	Horsford Primary Holt Road
Non Uniform Day (Christmas Theme)	Friday 15 th December	Both sites

PTA Expenditure 2015-16

- £1000 – Minibus Fund
- £300 – Year 6 Leavers Awards
- £100 – Parachutes for lunchtime play
- £500 – Merit Prizes
- £1000 – Cameras for each class
- £1000 – Contributions to visits/visitors/events

PTA Expenditure 2016-17

- £1000 – Minibus Fund
- £225 – Year 6 Leavers Awards
- £640 – Merit Prizes
- £1000 – Contributions to visits/visitors/events

Donations / Help Requested

As usual we are looking for teddy and cake donations for the Christmas Fayre. Teddies can be dropped in advance and cakes on the day please.

Do you know someone who could be our Father Christmas and deliver presents to our children at Holt Road in the run up to Christmas? If so please see Mrs Richardson in our Holt Road office. Thank you.

Planned Expenditure for 2017-18

This year we have agreed to spend £4798 on renovating the line markings on the playgrounds at both sites. This is something which will have an instant impact on all of the children, allowing them to have more enjoyment during their free time. It will also enhance both playground areas significantly. We finalised the quotes during our October meeting so are now awaiting a proposed date for the work to be carried out. We will keep you posted!

As usual we hope to be able to add another £1000 to the minibus fund this year. Through the Nebula Partnership we were lucky enough to buy a new minibus using the accumulated funds from the previous Junior School's PTA funds, but this of course depleted the account. The minibus is an essential resource for the school as it is used to take groups of children to numerous events throughout the year, including allowing our school council to meet up on one site once a fortnight. Our older minibus has seen better days and so we are trying to build back up the funds which will allow us to replace it when the time comes.

We also agreed at our last meeting to pay for this year's site licence for Mill Lane's Accelerated Reader programme. Parents on the committee, who have children at Mill Lane, agreed that it was a valuable resource which had seen their children embrace a love of reading through the online quizzes and points system.

We have also just started looking into getting quotes for new wooden play equipment to replace the pirate ship at Holt Road. Again we will keep you posted here!