



## Whittington Primary School PTA updates.

Hello and welcome to the first edition of the Whittington Primary school PTA newsletter. At the last meeting, PTA members decided we wanted to share our discussions, plans and aims with our wider primary school community and we agreed the best way to do this would be to send out an email every term, to update everyone about current and future events, areas for discussion, and updates on fundraising.



Firstly, a bit about us, your school's PTA. We are made up of a small group of volunteers, including both parents of children in the school, and teachers. We meet once a month, either on Zoom or in the local pub, and spend an hour or so making plans for the year ahead and discussing relevant issues/opportunities.

To summarise, the PTA are a charity fundraising organisation who raise money throughout the year, to finance school projects (such as the Trim trail on the field), to subsidise school trips (such as the Christmas panto) and to offer financial support to the school to fund the purchase of equipment/materials that they require to offer our children the fantastic school experience they currently have. We don't have to function, the school could get by financially if required, however a lot of the extras the school supplies and little perks which add to our children's school life, are made possible by this extra fundraising.

Our current fundraising aim for this year is £6000

A big chunk of the money raised will go towards a £5000 donation to the school for brand new Phonics equipment.

We have some exciting events coming up over the next few months so please keep an eye out on social media and check your emails. These include:

- Easter Egg Hunt in the week leading up to Easter. This will be a great event for the whole family to enjoy and will include an Easter treasure map around the village.
- We plan to have a stall selling sweet treats at the village Jubilee picnic on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. This event will take place @ Bit end field
- The annual summer fayre will be taking place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June. If anyone knows of any donations that can be made for raffle prizes please let us or the school know as this would be greatly appreciated.
- A sponsored run/walk will take place later in the summer to coincide with the Commonwealth games and to get us all moving.

As always, we welcome any parents who can spare a short amount of time per month to assist in PTA activities. Even if you can offer a few hours to volunteer at some of our events such as the disco or the fayre, it would be much appreciated as we are all a busy group of Dads and Mums who do this role voluntarily alongside day jobs. The more help we can get the easier it is for everyone and the more money we can raise to put towards improving the school for our children.

Wishing everyone a happy spring term and we will provide some further updates next term.

**Our next meeting is on 26<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm... Please come and join us if you can.**