

How we spend the money we raise

Following a fundraising event we bank the taking immediately. It is at our committee meetings that the decisions on how we will spend the money is agreed.

Our Head Teacher, Teachers & Pupils have a 'wish list' of items that the school would like the PTFA to consider supporting. Sometimes this will be as a result of the children asking for something in particular; or at other times, it will be for resources to improve a defined area of the curriculum or school environment. The PTFA funds are spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting.

To welcome new families and children to our school we purchase book bags as gifts to new reception entrants. We endeavour to spend our funds in ways that will benefit all our children across all areas of the school and curriculum. In this way, by supporting our school, your children will benefit, along with everyone else's.

How we keep you informed

We regularly send texts or emails to parents via the school office text system, PTFA facebook page and often put flyers into children's book bags to advertise upcoming events. If you would like to be kept informed via email, please message us on: standrewspta2020@hotmail.com Following an event we let parents and families know how successful the event was and how much money we raised.



Emma Hallett

PTFA Chair & Busy Mum of three!

How you can get involved

There are many ways you can help and support our school and our children. Our most precious resource is your time, skills, experience and expertise.

Offers of help before or during an event are very valuable. It doesn't matter if you can't help on a regular basis or even if you can not come into school. There are always jobs that can be done away from school if you have 30 minutes to spare. We really couldn't achieve what we do without the 'behind the scenes' help that we receive.

- Volunteer your time, skills, experience or expertise
- Become a committee member
- Give us your fantastic ideas

Please ask at the school office, have a chat with other committee members or just approach me, I would love to find new friends. We are all parents, families or friends of current pupils.



ST ANDREW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

PTFA

Welcome Leaflet

Hearts and minds working as one



Welcome to our school

This booklet has been compiled by our Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) especially for you, as a new family joining our wonderful school community. We aim to provide you with information about our PTFA which forms a major part of school life.

Why do we have a PTFA?

We are fortunate to have a fully supportive and energetic PTFA that is an integral part of the school community. We have raised thousands of pounds which has been spent on out-door equipment, trips for classes, vital resources and fun activities which would not have been possible to expend school formal funding on.

However, our PTFA is about much more than simply fundraising. We exist to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. It is good fun too—just ask any of the committee members or PTFA helpers.

The PTFA is extremely conscious of the ethos and diversity of our school and we try very hard, when organising and planning events, to respect this. Not all of our events are fundraisers. During Sports Days and at the annual pantomime we provide iced lollies for all the children and refreshments during school performances.

The rewards and benefits of volunteering

Volunteering is about much more than just helping to improve our school's facilities. Other rewards include:

- meeting new people and making new friends;
- seeing families enjoying themselves at events;
- giving your children a reason to feel proud of you;
- becoming more involved in the school;
- getting to know a wider circle of teachers and families;
- plus - children whose parents are involved in their education, perform better academically!

Role of the committee

Our PTFA committee consists of 4 officers:

Chair

Vice Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

5-10 Ordinary Members

We meet two to three times per term, at either school or in our local pub, with smaller working groups meeting as necessary when planning larger events.

How we fundraise

Like most PTFA's, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we organise and run. We respond to children's requests and run school discos and fairs. We love seeing them have fun at our events or enjoy using new equipment that we have fundraised to purchase.

We raise money in other ways such as donations from families and friends and our easyfundraising page.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is held at the beginning of the academic year. This provides an opportunity for parents to come and hear more detail about the work of the PTFA, the events we have run, the funds we have raised and how the funding has been spent. If we have members standing down, this is when we seek and elect new members.

National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations

Our PTFA is a member of the NCPTA, which is a national charity and membership organisation providing support and guidance for all home school associations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Our association is one of over 13,000 members in current membership of the NCPTA. We pay an annual membership fee which gives us member benefits including comprehensive insurance cover for all of our PTFA run events, support and advice on running the PTFA, fundraising ideas and good practice tips. NCPTA also provides us with the opportunity to communicate with other PTFA's to discuss and share experiences.

We need you!

All parents, family members and friends of the school community are welcomed and encouraged to get involved and share your:

Ideas, **skills**, **experience**, **creativity** & **EXPERTISE**

even if you only have a small amount of time and, like us, you are juggling multiple roles elsewhere!

How you can donate

The most precious resource we seek is your time! However, we regularly seek donations of items for sale, baking, selling raffle tickets, ideas and support. If you buy a lot online we have an easyfundraising page where most large retail outlets are on. Instead of going straight to the shop that you want to buy on you click on easyfundraising, find our school and shop away. For every purchase you make the school receives between 0.5% - 10%, It does not cost you a penny. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/standrewsptfa/>

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