



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

For many years, we have had an active and supportive Parent Teacher Association who have organised a wide range of activities and have successfully fundraised in order to purchase much needed equipment and resources for the school. These have included:

- *Chromebooks*
- *Interactive whiteboards*
- *Transport for our annual Christmas theatre trips*
- *Whole school reading scheme*
- *New reading books*

The PTA team are led by a group of committed parents who meet three times a year at the school to discuss fundraising opportunities and plan the events for the year ahead. The meetings are always relaxed, informal experiences and are attended by myself and a staff representative. It is a lovely way to meet new people and to get to know other parents within the school.

The last few years have really limited the opportunities for new parents to the school to meet each other and socialise and the PTA are keen to arrange some events that will enable this to happen and to build new social relationships for members of our school community. They will soon be in touch with further details but two upcoming dates for your diary are:

Friday 11th November 2022 – Family quiz night

Friday 2nd December 2022 – Christmas Fair

Unfortunately, numbers within the PTA have decreased in recent years and they are keen to increase numbers and also to start thinking about succession planning once their children have left the school which will be needed from next year. The school relies greatly on the contributions from the PTA and it would be fantastic to be able to continue with an active PTA in beyond next year as we have been very lucky to have their ongoing support.

This year, a particular fundraising focus will be to ensure that we can continue to provide enrichment activities, workshops and trips. Unfortunately, rising costs have meant that the costs of our normal experiences have significantly increased and school has had to subsidise many recent opportunities as well as having to ask for increase parental contributions. We are hoping that the PTA fundraising will be able to off set some of these rising costs whilst also ensuring that school can provide all of the fantastic extra-curricular activities that we value so much.

If you are interested in playing a part in the PTA, please use the below contact details.

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We hope to see many of you at the upcoming PTA events. Thank you so much!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey