



Minchinhampton School

PTA News

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Happy New School Year! Welcome to the autumn term.

We started the term with our PTA AGM on 7th September and it was great to see some new faces as well as lots of familiar ones. Thank you to those who attended.

The new committee was elected, with one notable gap.....

The team for this 2016/2017 year is:

Chair: ***** Vacant ***** If interested please shout now!!

Secretary: Emmie Rackham (Mum to Toby Yr 2 and Phoebe - Nursery)

Treasurer: Yvonne Heffernan (Mum to Luke Yr R and Connor)

Vice Treasurer: Victoria Stevens (Mum to Alice Yr 3 and Arty Yr R)

Committee Member: Tara Patterson (Mum to Lyra Yr 3 and Lucas - Nursery)

Committee Member: Kathryn Danks (Mum to Martha Yr 5 and Hugo Yr 3)

Committee Member: Helen Jacobs (Mum to Kitty Yr4, Tess Yr3 and Ned Yr1)

Committee Member: Alison Hodges (Mum to William Yr 6 and Charlie Secondary School)

Committee Member: Nick Moss

A massive thank you to outgoing Chair Sophie Muir, and Committee Members Caroline Hough (Treasurer) and Lorraine Shipton (Secretary) who have given so generously of their time and effort to the benefit of the school and pupils. Sophie's parting gift is to oversee the installation of the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) which last years PTA efforts are funding. This will be taking place in November. Great work!

Who are the PTA?

You! The PTA are all the parents, carers and teachers of Minchinhampton C of E Primary Academy and Nursery. Everyone is welcome to come along to a PTA meeting to find out more – the next one is **Tuesday 27th September@ 8pm Henry's Coffee House.**

We do not currently have a Chair. The committee will muddle along as best we can, but would desperately like a willing volunteer to steer the ship. It doesn't have to be a massive job, as Sophie has knocked us into such good shape in the last two years. The PTA is now structured in such a way that all the main events are organised by teams. These are all up and running with experienced leaders. So the job of the Chair is really to oversee it all and liaise with the school where necessary. The Job can be as big or as small as you want it to be.....isn't that right Sophie?? It could even be a job-share.....

Please give it some serious thought.....

How is the money spent?

Over £56,000 was raised and donated to the school last year. We, **together**, have funded;

- Ongoing Scrapstore membership
- Ongoing nursery canopy hire
- Funding for class trips for all children including Nursery
- Murderous Maths Evening
- Willow Tunnel & Dome
- Water Cooler
- Books for new Reception intake
- Fridge for School Milk
- Christmas crackers for School lunch
- KS1 Pantomime Coach
- Rugby Tags
- Living Eggs Project – we now have 6 born and bred chickens in Minch laying their own eggs
- 2 x Baking Tins for every child in the school including stock for cooking club
- Pallet of new Fiction & Non-fiction books
- Reading Champions funding
- New books for the Library
- Outdoor Maths for Reception children
- 15 x Music Stands
- School Production Props
- Audio books/rhymes
- Year 6 Leavers gifts
- Wireless Backhaul IT solution
- Long jump sand
- 16 x chairs and a van load of furniture
- new School Sports kit
- and the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) project – which will commence in November

Coming Up.....

Key Dates for your Diary:

- Sat Nov 5th: Fireworks Night. Leads: Jon McGinty, Suzie Drewett. Watch this space for Ticket info.
- Saturday December 3rd: Christmas Fair. Team Lead – Linda Fortnam.
- Other Christmas activities: Christmas Cards, Breakfast with Santa..... Exact dates and details to be confirmed.

Both events will be looking for volunteers to help out on the day. All our events rely on the core teams for the planning and preparation but then would not happen without a willing band of parent volunteers on the day. If you would be willing to help then please get in touch, or just say Yes when approached by someone in the play ground!

Get in touch...

Are you aware of the **Minchinhampton School Parents Facebook page**? It is a great resource for information and somewhere to post events that might be of interest to other parents. If you are not already a member please search Minchinhampton School Parents on Facebook and request to join. If you are a member already please look through your friends list and click on 'add members' if they are parents at school. If you are not on Facebook please email minchpta@hotmail.co.uk and let us know so we can find the best way to keep you informed.

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