



Minchinhampton Academy

PTA News

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Happy New Year! Welcome to the autumn term.

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

The team for this 2015/2016 year is:

Chair: Sophie Muir (Mum to Cameron Yr 5, Calvin Yr 4 and Henry School Nursery)

Secretary: Lorraine Shipton (Mum to Oliver Yr 5 and Chloe Secondary School)

Treasurer: Caroline Hough (Mum to James Yr 2 and Lizzie Reception)

Vice Treasurer: Victoria Stevens (Mum to Alice Yr 2 and Arty School Nursery)

Committee Member: Tara Patterson (Mum to Lyra Yr 3 and Lucas aged 2)

Committee Member: Alison Hodges (Mum to William Yr 5 and Charlie Secondary School)

Committee Member: Nick Moss

Big thank you's go to outgoing committee members Sarah Bugg, Naomi Bryant and Vanessa Lucas who have so generously given their time and effort to the benefit of the school and pupils.

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 tomorrow, **Tuesday 15th September@ 8pm Henry's Coffee House.**

Communication

Are you aware of the Minchinhampton School Parents Facebook page? There are currently 205 members on this site (parents and carers of children at this school). It is a great resource for information and somewhere to post events that might be of interest to other parents. It is also a valuable tool for the PTA to inform you of what is happening at the school - the data protection act makes holding a database of emails very complicated and time consuming. We can also take pressure off the school office staff too by reducing emails and texts from the PTA. 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 and let us know so we can find the best way to keep you informed.

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How is the money spent?

A total of **£47,837** was donated to the school last year. We, **together**, have funded;

- Ongoing Scrapstore membership
- Ongoing nursery canopy hire
- Domestic Science refit
- Funding for class trips for all children including Nursery
- Audio & hard copy books
- P.A System and wireless headset microphone
- Gymnastics equipment
- Children's Entertainer for the Nursery/FS Reception/KS1 Xmas Party
- ICT equipment - £21,000 – Learnpads, upgrade of the wireless network and the touch screen tv style board and the computer to work with the board for the new classroom
- 2 x clocks
- A polytunnel for Gardening Club
- 3 x new unicycles
- Props for the Year 5/6 play
- Year 6 Leavers gifts
- 2 x Radio Microphones
- An outside noticeboard for the promotion of sport
- Furniture for the new classroom
- And the Foundation Stage Play Area

This reads like a list from the Generation Game, but it's a good thing!

One of our targets for this year is to improve our schools sports' provision and develop the top playground into a 'multi-sports pitch' so that it better serves sports' teaching as well as transforming it's use for sport during lunchtimes. We are key in helping the school work towards a lasting and significant impact on sport.

Already this year...and thank you:

Helping the community to raise money for Minchinhampton Charities big thank you's to everyone who helped at the **Country Fayre** especially **Cherry Land, Mandy Felton, Clare McCarron, Jack Graham, Kathryn Danks, Bronwen Bird, Becky Dellow, Kathy Greenhalgh** and **Dave Land** for putting on the PTA children's games.

Thank you to those **Reception School parents** who put the time in over the Summer holidays to paint the existing play sheds and seating and make the Reception playground look all sparkly for the children to return and play in their new play area.

Thank you also for the **£200 donation** from a family who, because of busy lives, can't always contribute to all the week by week activities but really want to be a part of supporting all our kids at school. This money has been ringfenced to cover the costs of water for the water cooler for the new classroom. The PTA have negotiated free rental of this water cooler resulting in much more water for our ££'s and happy hydrated children!



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