

# NEWS

ISSUE 1

# Micklem School PTA

Welcome to our very first edition of the Micklem School PTA Newsletter.

## WHAT IS A PTA?

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association, a school-based organisation with a mission to make the school a better place for children to learn. Our role is to encourage closer links between home and school, and to help raise money through events. Funds raised by the PTA are intended to provide 'extras' not already provided by the school's main income - often 'fun things' that make learning more interesting and exciting. We work in close partnership with Mr Swift to decide how best we can support the school on projects and we like to get the children involved in some decision making to!

At present, Mr Swift is finalising his plans for what he would like the PTA's help with raising funds for and we will hopefully be able to share this information with you very soon.

## Meet The New Team

We held a PTA AGM back in October and due to previous members stepping down from their positions, a new PTA team were appointed.

## Who are we?

**Co-Chair: Susan Willington**

**Co-Chair: Sarah Varney** (Year 5 Parent)

**Secretary: Kim Pynaert** (Year 1, 4 & 6 Parent)

**Treasurer: Jo Moriarty** (Year 6 Parent)

### Committee members:

**Clare Cavenagh-Mainwaring** (Year 1 & 3 Parent)

**Daniela Chialoufas** (Year 1 Parent)

**Susan Gibson** (Year 3 & 6 Parent)

**Sarah Samuels** (Year 4 Parent)

**Samantha Tracey** (Year 1 & 3 Parent)

**Menelik Williams** (Year 2 & 5 Parent)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2nd February

'The Little Recyclers' clothing collection

### 15th February

Valentines 'Friendship' Disco

### 16th February

Non-uniform Day 'Wear what you love'

### 8th March

Mother's Day Gift Sale

### 21st March

Easter Bunny Bingo

### 28th March

Non-Uniform Day

## Can you help?

We are already thinking ahead to summer and are planning on holding a big Summer Fayre on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 11am-2pm.

If anyone has any contacts for local companies who would like to have a stall at the Fayre please ask them to get in touch with us.

If your child is associated with any local clubs and they would like to come along and do a free performance at the Fayre then we would love to know.



## PTA Discos are back!

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December the new PTA held their very first Disco, which was a huge success! All of the children seemed to really enjoy themselves, with some saying that it was "the best disco ever!"

The next disco is planned for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February and we hope to see as many of the children there as possible. If you have not yet booked your child's place for the disco, please do so by going to Arbor-School Shop-Valentines 'Friendship' Disco by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We have had an amazing start to the new academic year and with your help have managed to raise some significant funds for the school. A massive thank you to everyone

- **Glow Disco - £622.74**
- **Christmas Raffle - £285.63**
- **Christmas Squares - £294.18**
- **Christmas Fayre - £1,206.78**

### Donations

If you wish to make a monetary donation to the PTA then you can do so by going onto Arbor – School Shop – PTA Donation and then select the amount that you wish to donate.

## Christmas Fayre

December proved to be a very successful month for the PTA, not only did we welcome the return of the PTA discos but we also held an extremely popular Christmas Fayre. It was lovely to see the children getting so involved in coming up with ideas for their stalls and then creating them. We are grateful that so many of you took the time out of your afternoon to come along and support them. Much fun was had by all!



## Thank you!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support to the school and the PTA and we look forward to seeing more of you at our upcoming events.

If you have any suggestions or fund raising ideas or if you would like some more information regarding what it is to be a member of the PTA then please do not hesitate to come and speak with one of us.

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is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!



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