1st March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

**St. Joseph’s PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

**Thursday 22nd March 2018 – 8 – 9pm in the school hall**

**You are warmly invited to come along**

The school needs the PTA more than ever this year to raise funds towards the building and furnishing of a new classroom in our rapidly expanding school.

See how you can get involved and come along to the PTA AGM, meet some like-minded can-do people and help shape the PTA’s efforts for the coming year. The PTA is a great way to meet other parents, make new long lasting friendships and generally have fun all whilst doing important work to support our fantastic school!

**A fresh start…**

This year there are lots of fantastic opportunities available to really get stuck in; it’s been agreed that it’s time for a fresh start, a new committee – all committee roles are open for new role holders.

This really opens the door for fresh ideas and new thinking – anything goes!

**Roles available**

Chair, Secretary, Treasurer

The roles can be undertaken by one person or shared, many hands make lighter work (and more fun!), the current committee has 2 x Chairs, 1 x Secretary, 1 x Lead Treasurer and 2 x Treasurer Assistants. If you think this is something you would like to be involved with please do have a chat with the current role holders to find out more, role descriptions are available.

**No committee members means no PTA means no events means no additional funding for our kids…**

The PTA organise events throughout the school year which enrich your child’s school experience and give them lasting memories of fun times at primary school. Events such as the regular school discos, the Christmas fayre, the summer camp over, breakfast with Santa and many more.

We use the funds raised to support the school by paying for coaches to the panto and other class trips (reducing the cost of these trips for you), buying new books for the school, supporting the year 6 leaving trip and many more. We now need to focus efforts on supporting the new classroom – the school needs the PTA now more than ever.

**A Note From Mrs D’Arcy**

‘Many hands make light work!’ Whilst I understand that parents/carers have day-time jobs too, without the PTA, we would not be able to do all of the fabulous school trips, have enough resources in the classrooms and generally, would struggle due to the ever reduced school budgets. The school and our children, rely upon the funds from the PTA so please do come along and get involved.

We look forward to meeting you on the 22nd March, if you would like to be involved but can’t make this meeting please do get in touch with Claire Turp on 07966 794860 or at clairemc\_uk@hotmail.com

Best wishes

St. Joseph’s PTA