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Hi there!

St Joseph's PTA: What it means to your child and how you can get involved

At St Joseph's, the PTA is working with the teachers and you, the parents, to help raise funds to improve still further the learning experiences at school for our children. Our goal is to raise funds for the here and now – things our children will enjoy and benefit from immediately. And we hope, that as parents, we'll have some fun along the way.

In the last academic year, funds were raised for new playground equipment, musical instruments, contributions to the cost of coach hire for various schools trips, breakfast with Father Christmas, and most importantly, equipment for the new classroom.

We'd really appreciate your support in this new academic year. So, this is who we are, and this is how you can help.

Your PTA Committee

If you want to get in touch we are:

- Graham Munday, Chair: my twin daughters, Imogen and Pippa, are in Year 1
- Alexa Timbrell, Joint-Chair: my son Kobe is in Year 4, and my daughter, Harmony is in Year 1
- Becky Maltby, Treasurer: my twin daughters, Roxi and Matilda, are in Year 1
- Rebecca Steele, Secretary: my daughter, Evie-Mai is in Year 1
- Jo Beeston, Assistant Treasurer: my daughter, Emily is in Year 2, and my twin boys, now 14, left the school three years ago

There are a number of parents who have given so much invaluable support in the last few years and we sincerely hope you will all continue to play an active role.

If you'd like to get involved in running an event or the various actions that are critical to a fun, successful event that raises funds for the school, simply chat to any of us in the playground or email us at: pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk

Keep in touch on Facebook

We have a closed, secure Facebook page managed by Graham and Alexa. Join the Group and you can keep in touch with dates for forthcoming events, and you can volunteer to help out through the 'sign-ups' we post online.

Search for **St Joseph's Fundraising page** in Groups on Facebook, and ask to join.



Dates for your diary: autumn term

- Monday 10 September: PTA Committee Meeting, 7.45pm at the school, **all welcome**. We will start planning our big annual fundraiser, the Christmas Fayre. All help, gratefully received.
- Saturday 29 September: Woodchester Sheep Racing. We will be selling tea, coffee and cakes to raise money – look out for further information on when to supply cakes and how to help on the day.
- Friday 12 October: School Disco, 6pm to 7.30pm. Look out for communications asking for help on the night.
- Saturday 1 December: Christmas Fayre, an afternoon of fun at the school. More information to follow.
- Breakfast with Father Christmas at school – date tbc

How can you help?

Look out for texts from the school office, Facebook posts, and letters in book bags that detail our fund-raising events and the 'sign-up' web links that enable you to volunteer to help with small, specific aspects of each event.

In addition, you can help in the following ways:

- **Volunteer to be a class rep**, and help us to ensure that parents associated with each year group are aware of the planned activities and how to help out at each event. Help us spread the word through your parent Facebook pages or WhatsApp groups. No need to be on the committee, just keep in touch with us to share the messages. We need a class rep for Reception, and Years 3, 5 and 6.
- **Secure match funding from your employer** by contributing your time to supporting our fund-raising activities. We know that many employers will provide charitable match funding in support of their employees own fund raising for good causes. Simply find out how your scheme works and talk to us to determine how we can make it work best for St Joseph's.
- **Contribute through your own skills**. Typical areas where we need help in creating great fund-raising events are printing, graphic design, building / construction skills, face-painting, and anyone who works for a retailer who can secure a bargain, e.g. plates, cups, give-aways, wine, chocolates etc.!

We're raising funds to give our children an even better experience at St Joseph's – we very much look forward to your support and appreciate any contribution you can make. Contact us anytime at: pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk.

Kind regards
Graham Munday
PTA, Chair