

St Edward's RC School

PTFA

Parents+Teachers+Friends+Association

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Your PTFA would like to **THANK YOU!**

In the 2017-2018 year, we were able to raise a total of over £9000 for our school!

We did this through various events including

- Discos
- Elvis Night
- Easter Eggstravaganza/Spring Fayre
- Sports Day / Summer Fayre
- Mother's Day Sale
- Providing refreshments at various school events
- Race night
- Christmas Fayre and Father Christmas

With the money raised we were able to make a real difference for **all** our children

- Subsidise school trips
- Purchase soft play equipment for the school
- Fund minibus purchase
- Contribute to kitchen refurbishments
- Fund maintenance / fuel for minibuses
- Purchase art supplies
- Purchase books
- Provide adhoc treats for the children

So **AGAIN, THANK YOU**

And now a **PLEA FOR HELP**. We love our school and we want to continue to support the school as we have done in this and previous years. BUT we are in very real danger of having too few PTFA members to organise events and too few volunteers to help run them. The summer fayre on sports day was a good example of this; we had stalls to put out but no one to run them, we then received complaints that there weren't enough stalls and that we hadn't provided tea and coffee.

So, in short, **WE NEED YOU!** There are a variety of ways that you can get involved. Parents can contribute in many different ways giving as little or as much time as you can. And the more people we have the easier it is for all of us.

We need new PTFA members - this isn't as onerous as you might think, we meet every 6 weeks or so at school for a couple of hours normally in the evening but we can try new times if that would help. There are a variety of formal roles on the PTFA including Chair, Finance officer, Secretary etc. but, in reality we all 'muck in' to help each other.

We need volunteers - running events takes a lot of effort, setting up, running stalls, tidying up, purchasing bits and pieces etc. We really need a wider network of volunteers this would mean that we could operate a rota with volunteers perhaps committing to 2/3 events a year.

We need ideas - what type of events would you and your children like to see, if you can tell us we will do our best to make them happen. At the back of this newsletter is a list of ideas, please tick those that you like the look of and add your own, there is comments box for you to provide us with feedback, we really value your opinion and want you to help shape the future of the PTFA and the way we support the school.

And finally

We need your continued support - you have been amazing this year and in previous years with your contributions, donations and attendance at the events. So **AGAIN, THANK YOU and PLEASE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

Kind Regards

Your PTFA

IDEAS & FEEDBACK

BEER & SKITTLES EVENING	
FAMILY FILM NIGHT	
RACE NIGHT	
FAMILY CAMP OUT & BBQ	
TRIBUTE ACTS	
BINGO	
FAMILY DISCO	
BEETLE DRIVE	
SCHOOL LOTTERY	
FEEDBACK/COMMENTS	