



# Holy Name PTA

## Autumn 2018 Issue

### Welcome!

This is the Holy Name PTA Newsletter. We aim to bring you an update once a term, in addition to the usual updates you receive in the school newsletter. We hope everyone had a lovely summer and all the children have settled back into school. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome parents who are new to the school this year. In this issue we will highlight some of our forthcoming events and our plans for this school year. For the benefit of parents new to the school we will also outline what the PTA does and how we do it.

### What is the PTA

Holy Name PTA is a charity that seeks to raise funds to improve the school for our children. All families of pupils at our school are members of the PTA. The PTA runs regular fundraising and social events for the whole school community. The PTA Committee are responsible for managing the charity, and are elected each year at the AGM. Our fundraising efforts help to enhance the education and experience of all the children at the school and will continue to do so with your support.

### What can you do?

All parents and members of the school community are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available. There are lots of ways you can help and support your child through the PTA:

Offering to help at events such as Crafty Christmas or the Summer Fete. This can be helping set up, manning a stall, helping clear up after, selling raffle tickets, etc.

Join our committee where you can have a direct impact on what we do, how we do it and where the funds we raise go. We meet about 8 times per school year at the parish centre and the meetings generally only last half an hour.

You can help by letting us know if you have any contacts or skills we could use, everything is potentially valuable to us. Do you work for a bank or building society who can give match funding for example?

You can share any fundraising ideas you may have.

If you would like to be more involved you can volunteer to be a Class Representative or Committee Member. We are a friendly bunch and everyone is welcome.

Below is a list of future meeting dates, upcoming events and a list of projects that we have either funded already this year or are intending to support by the end of the year.

### Meeting Dates

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November - 6:30 pm - Parish Centre

### Upcoming Events

Monster Ball Thu 25<sup>th</sup> October - School Hall

(Key Stage 1 - 5:30pm to 6:30pm Key Stage 2 7:00pm to 8:00pm)

Crafty Christmas - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Family Race Night - 1<sup>st</sup> February - Parish Centre -7:30 pm

Summer Fete - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July - 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

### 2018/19 PTA Projects for Funding

New Fencing to Nursey Playground (Est. £3000)

Holy Communion Books for Year 3 (£470.60)

Year 6 Leavers Tee shirts and £10 per pupil towards prom

### Projects/Items already funded last year

New Classroom Furniture for years 3, 4, 5 & 6

New slabbing in nursery Playground

### PTA Events within the school building and playground

The board of governors of Holy Name School kindly allow us to hold our two main events of the year (Crafty Christmas & Summer Fete) within the school grounds as well as other smaller events such as school discos. During these events there may be teachers on the premises, however, these are PTA run events and teachers are only there to assist the PTA and as keyholders to the school. During one of our events, should you need any help or see a pupil who needs assistance in any way, please speak to a member of the PTA immediately. PTA volunteers will be wearing yellow armbands so they can be identified.

### Class Representatives

A great way to help the PTA is to become a class representative. Class representatives are a parent in each class who represents the PTA and exchange information with other parents in your child's class. If you are interested in becoming a representative of your child's class please contact either Lisa Derrington or Ruth Lees

**The next PTA meeting is 6:30 pm Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Holy Name Parish Centre - All Welcome**

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We hope you now know a little more about **your Parent Teacher Association**. On behalf of all the PTA we would like to thank you for your very valuable support.

**From all the PTA Committee**