



# Holy Name PTA

8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents

I hope all of you and your families are well following the summer break and looking forward to a new, almost normal, school term. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new parents to Holy Name and invite you all to get involved with the PTA. No matter how little time you can give, it all helps.

For obvious reasons, the PTA has been unable to do any substantial fundraising over the past twelve months, however, having kept a rainy-day fund from previous events we were able to continue to support the school and our pupils throughout the pandemic. These funds were only available thanks to the continued support of parents and PTA volunteers in organising and supporting our fundraising events over the previous years. As you know the PTA is entirely run by parent and teacher volunteers and all funds raised are used to enhance the school and help our pupils.

The following support was given to the school during the pandemic:

- **£4,000 donation towards the purchase of Laptops and IT equipment to help enable home schooling.**
- **£2,500 donation to stock books into the new school library**
- **£600 Classroom Christmas parties for pupils and Easter Bonnet prizes**
- **£195 Communion and Reconciliation books**
- **£600 Year 6 Leavers T shirts & prom donation**

Unfortunately, we were unable to carry out some of our regular events and fundraisers such as Crafty Christmas, Monster Ball, Race Night, Summer BBQ, Christmas Cards, Christmas raffle and summer raffle. The loss of this fundraising, combined with using up our reserve funds to support the school and pupils throughout the pandemic leaves our PTA in a perilous position going forward.

We aim to bring all of these events back this year and are starting with a bang with 3 major events planned between now and Christmas. We will also be doing small events in school such as ice cream stalls, raffles, and non-uniform days throughout the year. Your PTA needs your support this year more than ever to rebuild funds to help make our children's school experience better.

## Latest Events

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September** – Ice Cream Stall at school gates – all ice creams £1 (please note – school uniforms donated last year will be available to take at the gate)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September** – Family race Night at the Great Barr Social Club, 2-4 Queslett Rd – Entrance £2 per family 1<sup>st</sup> race at 8pm – please support this, it's a great night out for adults and kids

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Children's Halloween Disco at the Great Barr Social Club, 2-4 Queslett Rd – further details to follow

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November** - Crafty Christmas School Fete –in the school hall after school

## 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 BBQ. This can be helping set up, manning a stall, helping clear up after, selling raffle tickets, etc.

Attend our meetings 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 school hall (or more recently on Zoom) 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. Many of our PTA volunteers have been involved for some time and a few will be leaving in the next couple of years as their children leave Holy Name and move to secondary school. Therefore, it is vital that we try to get some parents from the younger year groups, nursery, year 1, year 2 to get involved and ensure that the PTA continues to support the school into the future.

Our next meeting is our AGM on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30 pm in the school assembly hall and everyone is welcome to join us. As this is our AGM, we would welcome new volunteers to join us. I will be sending out the PTA annual report and financial report in the coming weeks. Nominations are also invited for the following committee roles:

Chair  
Vice Chair  
Treasurer  
Secretary

Nominations can be put forward at the AGM

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

From all The PTA Committee