



## Beeston Primary School THE PTA NEWSLETTER

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# FRIENDS OF BEESTON PTA

### **Money well spent.**

The playground can never have too much equipment in it to entertain the children at much needed break-times. That's why the majority of the money we have raised in the past has gone on playground equipment. Playground equipment is EXPENSIVE! And that extra expense is something that isn't always included in a school budget, which is why the funds we raise are so important.

### **Free Uniform.**

Children grow fast, and often they are too big for their uniform before it looks remotely worn out. That is why it's such a good idea to recycle any old uniform and allow others to reap the benefit. The PTA have started helping school by running a regular half-termly stall to try to distribute second hand uniform amongst other parents.

If you have any old uniform that your child has outgrown, simply wash it and hand it in to the school office and they will pass it on to the PTA.

Every half term a message will go out to let you know what date the stall will be held, where it will take place and the time it is happening. All you have to do is turn up and see if there is anything that is of use to you and take it home FREE OF CHARGE. You don't need to swap it for your old uniform or make any sort of donation.

It's better for the environment and better for everyone's pockets, so don't be shy, come along and have a look.



We are currently working with school to see if measures can be taken to upgrade the playground fences and prevent play equipment being lost and rolling down the main road!



## New Committee required – WE NEED YOU!!

It's time to vote in a new committee for the PTA. If a new Chair, Secretary, and committee members cannot be found, then unfortunately, the PTA will cease to exist. The PTA does great work, benefitting the children of the school, is very rewarding and is an opportunity to meet new people – so why not get involved?

**WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?**  
Being part of the PTA can be as involved as you want it to be. The thing main thing to know is that the more people that get involved, the easier it is.

If you can only give a little time, that is fine, because if everyone gives a little time, then the load is shared – many hands make light work!

**WHAT ROLES ARE AVAILABLE?**

**Chair** – Leads the committee and ensures the constitution is followed. Facilitates meetings; sets dates and agendas for meetings; delegates tasks; liaises with school; welcomes and motivates new members; ensures the PTA is registered with the correct regulatory bodies (such as the charity commission); is signatory on the bank account.

**Treasurer** – Controls the PTA's funds.

We do already have an excellent treasurer in place, who is happy to continue in the role and is an experienced accountant, working in the charity sector. She has experience of the PTA and its workings, so is a valuable member of the team. However, she is also happy to stand down and provide support if a new candidate steps forward.

**Secretary** – Helps ensure the PTA activities run smoothly. Takes minutes at meetings, recording actions points, keeps records, helps with communications.

**General Volunteers** – Help when they can. Attend meetings, participate in discussions, make suggestions, support the committee members.

There are options to vote in a **vice-chair** (to assist the chair) and **committee members**; the more people in official roles, means the quorum required to make decisions is higher, so this needs to be considered.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the roles, please let the school office know and they will pass this on to the PTA. Alternatively, you can email [FOBPTA@outlook.com](mailto:FOBPTA@outlook.com) but please be aware that this email is not monitored daily, so there may be some delay in you getting a reply.

New committee members need to be voted in by the correct number of people for it to be officially valid and this will take place at a meeting held in school - look out for a text detailing to date this is taking place.

Without volunteers there is no PTA. Helping the children of Beeston Primary School is the main aim of the PTA, something that all parents will be able to appreciate.

*"Being part of the PTA has been so rewarding and something I'm so glad I've invested time in"*  
Current PTA member