



St Andrew's CE Primary School PTA

What is the PTA?

The PTA (Parent and Teacher Association) is a group of parents who work together on a voluntary basis to support the school, in conjunction with the school staff.

The main purpose of the PTA is to raise funds for the school to help with extra projects that would otherwise be unaffordable, such as the refurbishment of the playground and the purchase of additional equipment such as new benches and extra IT equipment.

At the same time, we aim to provide entertainment for the children and their parents and help to bring us together as a community, through the various events that we organise.

What kind of events do we organise?

We normally organise a variety of fundraising events during the school year. In recent years these have included:

- A summer fete (June or July) and a Christmas fete (late November or early December) – these are normally our biggest fund-raisers and are the most complex to organise.
- Discos for the children.
- Events for the whole family such as bingo nights and quiz nights, and a ball for the Parents.

Who can join the PTA?

Any parent of a child attending St Andrew's school is eligible to join the PTA.

What would I need to do?

The PTA members have varied duties, and we aim to use the different skills that each PTA member brings. In general the expectation is that each PTA member will:

- **Attend meetings** – we normally hold one meeting each month, and PTA members are expected to attend as many meetings as possible. We recognise of course that members all have other commitments and childcare responsibilities, and may therefore have to miss some meetings. The meetings take place in the evenings usually starting around 8/8.30pm and lasting around 2 hours. PTA members usually take it in turns to host the meetings in their homes, although of course you are not obliged to host if you do not wish to do so.
- **Events help and support** – The PTA members take the main responsibility for planning fundraising events, and helping to manage each event on the day. We are supported in this by the St Andrew's teachers and a group of helpers. Tasks associated with events are many and varied and might include such diverse tasks as obtaining sponsorship and raffle prizes from local businesses, managing the stalls at our major fetes, selling Mother's Day/Father's Day gifts in the playground, and serving refreshments at social events – to name just a few.

Interested in joining?

If you are interested in joining the PTA, please contact us to discuss in more detail - either drop a note into the PTA box in the school office, send a message via our Facebook page, or contact any member of the PTA team (current members are listed on the website PTA section).

If you do not feel you can commit to becoming a full member of the PTA, we do also always welcome helpers for our activities – please get in touch to let us know if you are willing and able to help us.

Thank you!