

## A warm welcome from your PTA

We'll keep this brief because we know you already have a lot to do before you join our school community.

But, since we're a friendly bunch, we'd really like to introduce ourselves and tell

you some key information about St Andrew's PTA (that's Parent Teacher Association),

how you can help us, and what's in it for you.

Why does the school have a PTA? The main function of our PTA is to support the school by raising as much money as we can to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for our children. We also provide those 'little extras' that make school memorable, such as ice creams for Year 6 leavers.

We also exist to bring the communities of school and home closer together, because it makes sense for parents to be involved in the life of their chosen school. Lastly, we're here for the simple reason that we want to get together socially, meet new people and have fun!

The PTA is run by a committee who are all volunteers. We also have a PTA helpers' group for those who cannot commit as much time but are willing to help on an adhoc basis, and class reps who help us share information on WhatsApp with their year groups.

What does the PTA money fund? We always try to respond when asked to help the school, and after the work is done, it's so rewarding to see the children enjoy new resources and equipment provided by the PTA. If you look around our school, recent larger projects include all the play equipment and in part, the new school hall.

## How we keep you up-to-date with our activities

- Class WhatsApp groups (will be set up in September)
- Facebook: St Andrew's School PTA Group for Parents Enfield EN1
- Instagram: sta.primaryptaenfield

How can I get involved? Even if you have younger children at home, or only a small amount of time, could you come to a meeting (they're often on Zoom to make it easier for all to attend) help set up an event, serve food or design a poster? Perhaps you have a professional skill you could help us out with? Could your company sponsor a prize? Does your employer offer match funding?

You don't have to come into the school; many of our volunteering tasks can be done from home. Please email us on <a href="mailto:pta@standrewspta.co.uk">pta@standrewspta.co.uk</a> if you would like to be involved.

Looking forward to meeting you in September or perhaps at our Summer Fair on July 8th!

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