



Thursday 18th November

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are very fortunate to have a PTA at **West Kirby Primary School** that is, and has always been, an integral part of the school community. In its time the PTA has raised money for a whole range of projects, as well as to support the general needs of the school.

The PTA is not just about raising money but it's also there to support the school in the provision of an education that has the children at the heart of it. The PTA, with the support of the parents and carers, is there to provide strong links between home and school, bringing the community together to support the children's education.

All **WKPS** families are automatically members of the PTA. Together we run fundraising events and activities to raise money for educational resources. We want as many people involved as possible; whether it's coming up with ideas, helping out, joining in or simply enjoying what's organised, we want our fundraising efforts to also bring people together and build on the school's fantastic community spirit.

Each year the amount of money raised will vary depending on needs and projects. The PTA committee work with the Headteacher, Mrs Bailey to understand the needs of the school and adapt fundraising plans to achieve what is required.

In the past PTA fundraising has been used for:

- School playground equipment (trim trail)
- School furniture
- iPads
- Reading resources
- Wildlife garden
- Theatre trips

The PTA is extremely conscious of the ethos and diversity of our school, and we try very hard when organising and planning events to respect this. We aim to deliver a calendar of events that appeal across the community, to both parents and children.

Our PTA committee generally consists of four primary officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. There are also members committed to event organising and leading fundraising activity. We have also recently appointed Year Group Representatives which make up the full committee. Their responsibility includes:

- Pass on information from the PTA to other parents in their child's class, collate the results of any parent surveys, and encourage parents to support the PTA.
- Publicise PTA fundraising events and help sell tickets.
- Attend the AGM and PTA committee meetings when available
- Coordinate volunteers to help with fundraising activities. Organise informal social activities for parents and families in their child's class, ranging from coffee mornings to end-of-year parties – either face-to-face or virtual, depending on guidelines.
- Seek feedback from parents on PTA events or funding requests and pass it on to the committee.

The PTA aims to hold meetings once a term.

How can I get involved?

Donate your time: Help the class reps by offering to help with events such as the Christmas and Summer Fairs. Come to the PTA meetings and share your ideas, experiences, skills and enthusiasm. We really can't achieve what we do without the behind the scenes help that we receive.