

Being part of the PTA does not mean that you have to attend every meeting or help at every event. Maybe you have a talent, a business or new fundraising ideas or offers of help which we could use.

Could you make cakes? Display posters? Help at an evening event? Help at Cinema Night? Help with photocopying? Film school productions? Organise an event? Come to meetings?

## Who does what? - As of June 2015

Chair Vice Chair Treasurer Secretary / Communications Teacher Link Michelle Wells tbc Paul Fennell Nikki Potter Mrs Quinn, Ms Croarken, Miss Quinn

Plus many other valued parents!

A number of these positions are up for re-appointment.



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## Welcome to All Souls' Primary School PTA!

Thank you for choosing our wonderful little school for your child's education. Our teachers are responsible for ensuring that every child receives the same level of education and our current performance has been judged as **Good** by Ofsted. As parents you have a direct influence on the experience your child has whilst at this school and while many of us work or look after younger children - or do both, we all have the opportunity to help support the PTA.

Everyone who has a child at the school automatically becomes a member. We are a friendly bunch of parents and

teachers who try to represent all year groups. Our meetings are very informal and we usually meet in the evenings at a local pub, two or three times a term. Joining the PTA is a good way of getting to know more about our school; make new friends across different year groups and establish closer links with staff.



Most schools have a **PTA**. Not only is it a good way of increasing communication between parents and teachers, but it helps to provide additional financial support by way

of fundraising. In recent years money raised by the PTA has funded Orienteering equipment, new blinds for the school hall, sports and video equipment and various other resources. We try to do most of our fundraising in a





way that means you or your children get something back; Mother's Day gifts, Sponsored Bounces, coffee mornings, Christmas Bazaar social events etc.



As a group we need more parental support. The very nature of the group is that it evolves as parents come and go as their children move up to secondary school. We will be losing a couple of very dedicated and committed Y6 parents this summer and it will be a great loss to the group. Maybe you could help us fill the void?

We all have different pressures in life, but we all share the same objective - the importance of the education of our children. Without a PTA we would not be able to raise additional funds for school. No additional funds



means no updating of sports and classroom equipment, video cameras and other non-essential fun stuff! It also means no more events, cinema nights,





Christmas bazaars, sponsored bounces etc.

The PTA can appear to be like some invisible force that just makes things happen - but unless you are involved you are unaware of the amount of work that is involved. More PTA members mean that the work can be shared which will hopefully result in better relationships with parents across the whole school.

Do you or anyone you know have a business which would be prepared to donate raffle or auction prizes in exchange for a mention in our newsletter? Do you have a hidden or not so hidden talent we could benefit from? Can you make things? Bake things? Create things? Do you have any ideas you'd like to share?



## I don't have any spare time or any spare money, can I still help?

 Use the following link for all types of shopping, including online grocery & holidays and the PTA will earn cash back at no extra cost to you. Full details are on the school website, but it only takes a



couple of minutes to set up and if you activate the donation reminder, you just need one click before you start shopping! It's as easy as that! It works on online grocery shopping & holidays too and doesn't cost you a penny more!

http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ All Souls Catholic Primary School.



- Use our Textile Recycling Bin the big blue one in the corner of the car park! <u>http://www.uktextilerecycling.co.uk/</u> School receives commission per tonne for all the clothes, shoes and bedding etc. donated. Depending on their condition the textiles are either reused or recycled, so even the most worn and torn items can be of use! And it helps you get rid of clutter!
- Recycle your old batteries. A box is in the main reception area.
- Do you have any out grown uniform in good condition? This can be donated back to school for other children to use.
- Any old toys, books, dvds in good condition? Let school have a sort through before giving them to the charity shop!
- Use Scholastic website when buying books
   <u>http://www.scholastic.co.uk/</u> 'Spend £10 or more with us and we'll
   give 20% of your order value back to your school in Scholastic
   Rewards to spend on books and resources.'