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Dear Parent/Carer

Last night, we held a meeting for the PTFA. The idea of this meeting was to reinvigorate the PTFA and organise some fundraising and school community events, to not only raise money, but give the opportunities for parents to meet one another.

Six parents turned up at the meeting. We were not able to fill some of the Officer roles, including a Chair of the PTFA.

This is such a pity as all the events and every penny raised is for the benefit of your children. We totally understand that everyone is looking more closely at their budgets this year. However, the events are not all about raising money. We want to galvanise support from parents to assist with some projects on the school site as well as in assisting in some key events in the school calendar.

The main one of these this term is at the Christmas market on Saturday, 19 November. We will need lots of volunteers that day to help setting up, running stalls and clearing away. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs Jones: <u>kiones@mary.havering.sch.uk</u> For this event, we also are requesting for donations of toys (for the grotto) and toiletries. These can be placed in the 'House Boxes' in the Black and White Hall by your daughter.

We also need some volunteers to help serve tea/coffee and talk to prospective parents at the Open Evening on Thursday, 6 October, 2022 from 5.45 p.m. This would be a great opportunity to meet other current parents and perhaps plan some future events. Some of the current PTFA will be at this event. Again, please contact Mrs Jones, if you can help.

Just a reminder that as it is Open Evening on Thursday, school will close at 2.25 p.m. and Friday, 7 October, 2022 is an Inset Day and pupils should not attend school.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support of the school in any way you are able.

Yours faithfully

Ms V Qurrey Headteacher