



St. Aidan's PTA

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

And a big welcome to new parents with children in Mercury class and elsewhere in the school.

AGM

The PTA AGM was held on 21st September 2017. It was great to see old faces and new. As many of you will be aware Vicky Sanderson has stepped down as Chair. We would like to say a huge thank you to Vicky who has served as Chair for a number of years and worked tirelessly to meet the funding targets that allowed us to create the "Outdoor Learning Environment". Rachel Guest, also on the committee has stepped down this year, again many thanks to Rachel for all your efforts through the last few years.

At the AGM we heard the Chair's report of last year and the financial report from last year. These and the minutes of the meeting will be available on the PTA website www.ptastaidans.co.uk

The election for PTA Committee Members was held:

Secretary - Nicky Robinson

Treasurer – Frances Thornton

Ordinary members – Evelyne Barrow, Helen Ford and Jo Spitzkowski

Unfortunately we were unable to elect a new chair. If anyone is interested in this role please email us or come along to the next meeting on 2nd October at 7pm. Details of the role can be found in this newsletter.

Even if you were unable to come to this meeting we are always happy to hear your ideas and suggestions so please come along to the next Committee Meeting, contact us through Facebook or email us. Remember

all parents, teachers and staff of the school are automatically members of the PTA.



Please like our Facebook page to be kept up to date with events and notices.

PTA - St Aidan's Skelmanthorpe



The text below describes the basic duties of a PTA chairperson. Please contact us if you are interested in finding out more or come along to our next meeting on the 2nd October at 7pm. Venue TBC



Chair

The Chair directs meetings, making sure everyone's views are heard and everyone is involved in the meeting. They make sure all committee members are familiar with the association's constitution, and their role and responsibilities as a committee member and trustee (all committee members are automatically trustees of the association).

Duties and key responsibilities

- Prepares for meetings (with the Secretary)
- Invites committee members, parents and staff
- Suggests items for the agenda
- Identifies outstanding items from last meeting
- Prepares introductions for any new members attending
- Sets the ground rules for meetings and makes sure they are inclusive and efficient
- Delegates tasks to other members and volunteers, and checks they are completed
- Liaises with the school and requests a 'wish list' for the committee to agree what to fund
- Ensures the committee fulfils its role in respect of governance of the association as set out in the constitution, for example holding an AGM, election of committee, ensuring annual returns are completed if charity commission registered
- Ensures any decisions made are clear, fit the objects of the constitution, and by agreement of the committee
- Writes the annual report for the association (with the Secretary)
- Is a signatory on the PTA bank account (along with at least one other committee member)

Key skills

- Confident and assertive – able to control meetings and call to order when necessary, making sure everyone has an opportunity to speak.
- Ability to remain impartial – make sure contributions are brief and ensure everyone's views are respected.
- Calm, friendly and approachable – as the main point of contact for the PTA for the school and parents the Chair must be inclusive and make sure everyone feels welcome.
- Organised and able to delegate – most PTAs have lots of activities going on and the Chair should make sure the workload is shared and tasks are complete as agreed.





The PTA is registered with **Easy Fundraising**.

This means when you shop online you can raise money for school at **NO COST** to you.

There are over 3000 retailers registered (Amazon, Argos, M&S, Boots, ToysRus, Smyths Toys, John Lewis, Debenhams, Tesco, F&F, Morrisons – to name but a few!) and all you have to do is visit easyfundraising, choose your retailer and then shop as normal. Some shops donate 5% of your total spend back to us so it's really worthwhile and it all adds up. Please ask family and friends to support us too

– **It's free money!** Every penny raised is reinvested back into school

Find out more and join here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/staidansfirstschool/>

Once you are registered there is a donation reminder on the website making it easier to remember!



There is also an easy to use app for iOS and android users.



Stamptastic



Just a reminder that we are registered with Stamptastic, who make personalised stamps for labelling belongings.

No more sewing, ironing or writing on labels! Fantastic for school uniform and club clothing.

"I bought one with just our last name on and used it for all three kids last year – school, nursery, brownies – and it has done all the uniform again this year and is still going strong."

Have a look at their website – www.stamptastic.co.uk and see how easy it is.

Each order placed also earns money for school. Please place your order directly with them and remember to use the our postcode when checking out **HD89DQ**



We are always keen to encourage more volunteers to help with the planning and running of events. No matter how much time you can spare, you'll be very welcome to join us. Your participation will be much appreciated.

Please get in touch:

- come to one of our meetings
- grab us for a chat.
- You can join our volunteer group on Facebook
[St Aidan's PTA – Volunteers](#)
- email us at pta@saintaidans.org.uk



2nd October at 7pm – PTA meeting
(venue to be confirmed)

This is our first Committee Meeting of the year where we will discuss the school's wish list and how funds raised will be spent as well as suggesting events for the coming year.