

PTFA Committee Resignation

Current committee members:

Rachel Herring (Chair), Sam Anderson-Parker (Co-Chair), Alistair Paton (Treasurer), Paulina Page-Smith (Secretary), Lorraine Davies (General committee member), Jen Coulter (General committee member) and Natalie Green (General committee member).

Dear Families,

On behalf of the PTFA committee, I would like to welcome you back to the 2023/24 school year. We hope that everyone had a good summer. We would also like to welcome our new Reception Classes together with any new starters and we look forward to getting to know our new parents/carers too.

All committee members will be resigning from their current roles and re-elections will take place at our AGM on 19th September 2023. The Committee Members that will not be re-applying for their roles is 1 of the current General Committee Members and therefore we are looking to fulfil this role plus an additional general committee member (which will be solely for 'Assistant Treasurer' position) for this academic year.

Please find attached the job descriptions of all the PTFA roles for your information.

All applicants should please email: Rachel Herring (Chair) hillview.ptfa@hotmail.co.uk

What is the PTFA?

The PTFA (Parent Teacher & Friends Association) is an open community of parent volunteers working alongside the school and teachers to benefit the school and ensure the best educational experience for all its students. We are looking for parent/carer volunteers who would like to play a part in our PTFA. The aim of our PTFA would be to plan fun events over the year for our children, whilst raising money for our school. We will aim to make events affordable and enjoyable for everyone. Events could include: Non uniform days, Fayres, Krispy Kreme donut sales, Ice Cream sales, Quiz nights, Raffles, New & Pre-Loved uniform sales, colouring competitions, Sponsored events as well as providing refreshments at other school-organised events.

How can you help?

This is the time of year when we start planning all our future events and fundraisers for the forthcoming school year. The more members of the PTFA the lighter the load for us all. You can help by attending a fun, informal meeting to help plan and organise events, fundraising, social media posts, sorting pre-loved uniform, baking, serving drinks, manning stalls to securing prizes from local organisations and helping to set up equipment. There are all sorts of skills we will need! As many of us are working parents or have caring responsibilities, we appreciate the pressures of family and work, and we value any amount of time parents can spare us. We hope to strike a happy balance between home, work and PTFA life – but with more volunteers on board it definitely helps to share the load!

Why is a PTFA important for a school?

1. It sets a great example for your child - Being active in the PTFA not only improves your child's school, but also makes you an excellent role model. Research has confirmed what we already knew: When children see us involved in their school and learning, it encourages them to do their best.
2. It builds trust – It's a great way to get to know other parents and teachers whilst gaining an insight into the workings of the school. With parents and teachers striving towards the same goals, the parent group is instrumental in making a real difference in the school life of all children. It's also a fantastic way to familiarise younger siblings with their future school and teachers.
3. It raises welcome funds - Whether it's creating an outdoor learning space, stocking the classrooms with new books, the funds raised from your activities impact massively on the opportunities and experiences of all the children at school.
4. It forges connections beyond the school gates - PTFAs are brilliant for building relationships with the local community, from events to sponsorships from local businesses and mentions in local press.
5. It's good for you - Every parent has plenty to offer a PTFA and whether it's being on the committee or helping regularly or just once in a while, your talents will be put to good use. As well as being enjoyable and satisfying, you can build your confidence and learn new skills too.
6. You may make some lifelong friends too!

Hill View has a wonderful environment for our children, but with ever increasing costs, the school needs our support now more than ever!

Want to find out more? Our first PTFA meeting is scheduled for 7th October at 7.30pm at The Crown pub.

Why don't you come along & find out what we do.

Kind regards,

The PTFA