

Duddon St. Peter's CE Primary School & Foundation Unit

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PTA Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I should like to express my sincere thanks to all those parents who have served as PTA committee members this year and to those of you who have attended and supported our events and helped to organise them. Fund raising is always a time-consuming activity but has, over the years, been an invaluable source of extra money to provide more resources and equipment to benefit all children in school.

As you have probably understood from recent publicity in the press, government funding to schools is severely restricted and our budget is tightly stretched, with no easing of this evident in the near future, so it is all the more important that our PTA continues to function well and to support opportunities for the children. Many activities and resources once seen as essential are now becoming more difficult to fund, and the work done by the PTA to raise money really helps to widen the children's educational experience.

I have been disappointed by the low turnout for our PTA meetings, as it is so important that more people come forward to join the PTA and help to spread the workload from those few members who are willing to give their valuable time, to help not just their own children, but everyone's children at school. I understand that everyone has busy lives and time is at a premium, but fear that unless we can attract more helpers, we will be struggling to continue to raise funds this year. I have been acting as the Chair as we were unable to elect a Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson; we desperately need more people to come along to our meetings to offer their help. Everyone is welcome and it would be especially good to see more new parents, as the PTA is a social network as well as a fundraising group, and it is a great way to socialise.

I know that many schools are facing the same problem; some are solving it by simply asking for more financial contributions from parents each time an activity is planned for the children. This may be something that we too shall soon have to consider. Every child in school benefits from the money raised by the PTA; please consider carefully what you could do to help.

We are having a further meeting on **Thursday 20th April at 7.00pm**, as an informal discussion.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Hudson
Head teacher

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