



Axbridge School PTA charity number 1120886

Hello All,

Welcome to the PTA or welcome back to another year at Axbridge. At the AGM in September the committee was appointed.

To introduce the committee team this year we are:

- Sandra Jefferies - Chair with 2 children: 1 in Oak and 1 in Busy Bees.
- Andy Hebden - Vice Chair with 2 children: 1 in Hazel and 1 in Pine
- Jo O'Callaghan - Treasurer with 2 children: 1 in Chestnut and 1 in Busy Bees
- Dawn Odd - Secretary with 2 children: 1 in Fairlands Middle School (having previously been in Axbridge) and 1 in Busy Bees.

The PTA supports the whole school from Busy Bees through to Redwood. Whether this is direct funding from the PTA or just releases money for the school to spend on other things, all children in the school benefit.

To keep up to date with the PTA, we have a Facebook page which will keep you updated about PTA events and will also have useful information and reminders about school. We also have a page on the school website that will have copies of minutes, cake sale dates and a list of events coming up.

We are **ALWAYS** looking for new members. This does not mean you have to organise an event or turn up to every meeting. Some things you can do from the comfort of your sofa, so if you want to help please get in touch and we can discuss how. If you need to contact us please do so via the Facebook page or messenger and we will come back to you as soon as we can, but we are all busy people so please be patient with us! Alternatively catch us in the playground if you see us.

We have a number of events that we are in the process of organising such as a Cheese and Wine night in November, children's film night after school, take away night, Christmas fair and of course The Big Camp in June, which promises to be bigger and better than last year! If you want a 100 club number you can still enter by completing the form and returning £11 and in return you will be issued a number.

There are some new ideas we are reviewing to hopefully ensure we make as much money as last year, when we raised a staggering £12,000. It is worth noting that only 20% of PTA's in the UK raise over £10,000, which means we are doing brilliantly for the size of our school. The more we raise the more opportunities we can provide for our children!

Last year the PTA bought and / or funded pop up gazebos, coaches for school trips and swimming lessons, new library books, refurbishment of the library, forest school sessions, mindfulness classes, reception teddies, chrome books, subsidised leavers hoodies, subscriptions to first news, golden mile and other educational support applications.

This year we would like to purchase more role play equipment for Busy Bees and Pine class, developing the outside space for the whole school to include shelters, seating and trees. We would also like to support more mindfulness classes, Forest school and music provision for all classes. As in previous years, money raised from Cake sales go to that class, so please continue your support by bringing in cakes the morning of your class cake sale and then purchasing cakes outside Chestnut and Hazel class. Cakes are 50p each.

We welcome feedback (positive or negative) on events so we can work together to improve. If you are able to help at an event please let us know, and if you are able to get any raffle prizes again please let us know as it would be great if we could get a list of prizes that we could then split between the Christmas and summer fair to save us asking the same companies to donate twice a year.

By having children at Axbridge you are part of the PTA whether you volunteer or not and your children are benefitting from the money we raise. Please support us in any way you can!

**The next PTA meeting is on
Monday 7th October 2019 in The Lamb at 7:30pm.**

If you can't make 7.30pm and arrive little late, you are still welcome and the PTA is open to the whole school community so mums, dads, carers, friends and grandparents are welcome!

Please remember:

- Easyfundraising - the school gets donations from any purchases you make through www.easyfundraising.org.uk there are a lot of companies they have partnered with and you can select our PTA as a beneficiary.
- Co-op card - We are also part of the co-op scheme where you can select our PTA to benefit from your membership, so please sign up to a co-op card and choose our PTA.
- Match funding - If anyone works at a bank or building society or has a relative / friend that does, they will match fund a stall or event so please ask them if they would support our school.



Let's make more great memories and our biggest year yet!

Many thanks
The PTA