

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you to ask for your help to save a very valuable and long standing part of our school.

Our PTA (formerly known as FOMS) have informed me that the existing committee members, with regret, will be standing down at the beginning of November after 3 years. Unless new people come forward our PTA will close.

A very small group of parents have been organising PTA events behind the scenes for quite some time now, but they now need to take a step back due to other commitments. These parents have been very grateful for all the support they have had at the various events they have organised, but more support is needed to do the pre event planning and preparation. They have very kindly run the Halloween disco, as they did not want to let the children down, but this will be their last event.

If PTA were to close, then the children would lose some fantastic events, and the school would lose a valuable source of income, which has brought many essential resources over the years.

In the past 3 years over £3500 has been raised through the various events coordinated by them, and kind donations from community café, yarn bomb and the Willmott's race.

The school has benefitted from:

£1239 of play equipment for the Reception class

£1750 of new reading books

£1000+ towards materials for the 2 maintenance weekends

£1600 for coaches to the Panto trip to CAST

£300 for Christmas related fun for the children

As well as smaller purchases, such as football trophies and awards, contribution to themed lunches, wildlife talk, KS1 equipment and soon to be purchased storage for KS2 playground equipment.

They have provided some fabulous events:

Halloween Disco which is highly popular with the children

Wreath making, panto refreshments and raffles in school

Sports day refreshments

There is a fantastic opportunity for new people to come forward and form a new PTA group, which they can make their own. The retiring committee members are more than happy to pass on their knowledge and expertise, as and when needed, plus school staff are happy to lend their support.

It would be a real shame to let this special part of the school close.

If you could help us out, please speak to Mrs Mitchell, Louise Ball or Jo Willmott.

John Birch