

**WELCOME TO COLESHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA**  
**NEWSLETTER – Autumn term 2020**

Hello and a belated welcome back to a new school year! Usually you would have received our first newsletter earlier than this, however we all know 2020 is not a usual year! The PTA works with the school to fundraise and hold events to add to your child's school experience. With this in mind we wanted to wait to see how the new "normal" would work before moving forward with the PTA.

We held our AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> October via Zoom and the new committee were appointed. We also said goodbye to Charlotte Ellis, our outgoing Chair Person, who has stood down from the committee after 8 years. We would all like to thank Charlotte for all her hard work over the years! The PTA is run by a small group of parents and we would welcome any new parents who would like to get involved. We are a friendly group and meetings are relaxed and informal.

The PTA would generally organise events such as Christmas & summer fayres, school discos & sponsored events to name but a few. Events such as these help raise much needed funds that are invested back into the school & help to pay for school trips, literature & much more. However, for this academic year we are changing our focus away from school fundraising and instead focusing on enhancing and adding to the school experience for all the children. We know many families will be struggling financially and we don't want to add any pressure by asking for money, and although many of the usual activities can't go ahead we are still operational and coming up with plenty of new ideas.

So, whether you are an existing parent, are new to the school, or have a child in nursery, all are welcome. If you would like to be invited to our next zoom meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November please email the school office and they will pass your details to us, or text Anna on 07921506321.

Contacts: Anna Hayton- Chair  
Karen Rhoades - Vice-Chair  
Rachel Moran - Treasurer  
Melisa Dunputh - Secretary

## Upcoming Events

### Harvest Festival

Over the past few years we have collected items to make class hampers which have been donated locally and to Kingfisher Foodbank.

After talking with the foodbank we know that this year more than ever they need all the support we can give. Therefore, if you are in a position to be able to help there will be a payment option added to Parent Pay to make a financial donation to the foodbank in lieu of hampers. This will be called OPTIONAL Harvest Donation and is a non-compulsory gift for those who feel happy and able to do so. Donations can be for as little as 50p - but every penny will be appreciated. You will be able to make donations until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

### Bags 2 School

We have a twice yearly collection of second hand clothes, bags, shoes etc. Each child will be given a plastic charity bag to take home and the PTA are paid by Bags 2 School based on the weight of donations. We are awaiting confirmation of collection dates for this year.

### Christmas

We will not allow Covid to cancel Christmas so are busy planning a schedule of Christmas events, which will look different to previous years, but will be just as much fun for the children. Watch this space and we will update you more after half term.

Many thanks

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All monies raised by the PTA directly benefits our children by enhancing their educational and social learning journey