



Dear Parents

Friends of Monksmead Parents' Association would like to thank you for all your support last year by running the **Valentine's Day Disco** for FREE on the 10th February. *You will not need to purchase a ticket for your children to attend. Please can you make sure they bring a change of clothes to change into in the afternoon.* Refreshments will be provided for the children.

KS1 (Reception, Year 1 & 2) disco is from 2-3pm (normal pick up time at 3.15pm)

KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) disco is from 3.30pm-4.30pm (pick up 4.30pm)

Friends of Monksmead Parents' Association Election Results

Friends of Monksmead Parents' Association have now voted in the new Committee Members. If you would like to attend further meetings and become a committee member please let the office know.

Angela Hill - Chair: I am a full time parent to a daughter in **Nursery** and a son in **Year 2**. My professional experience is varied and is in: Marketing, developing business services (commercial & non-profit sectors) and in Quality Assurance (ensuring businesses are running effectively and safely). I have been the Chair of the PTA for the last 2 years and have enjoyed being part of a like minded network of parents that all share a common goal of improving the school for our children. It is very rewarding running events that the children have fun at whilst raising funds to enrich their learning environment.

Martina Faulkner - Vice Chair: I am a mum of 2 children. My eldest is in **Year 2** and my son will join Monksmead in a couple years. I have run a successful international business for several years and have run a few large kids events with great success. I am creative and very passionate in what I do .I joined the PTA because for me it is very important that the school my kids go to has high educational results and is also a fun and exciting school to be in. I believe it's important as parents to try and make a difference.

Jemini Prajapati- Secretary: I moved to Borehamwood nearly 8 years ago and enjoy being part of the local community. I have a daughter in **Year 1** and a son in **Nursery** and they both love coming to school. I work part time as a Senior HR Officer for a charity and enjoy helping out Friends of Monksmead in my spare time. My main motivation for being part of events and fundraising is to enrich our children's time at Monksmead School.

Jamie Shah- Assistant Secretary: I am a native of Canada, and after stops in Japan, Indonesia, and Singapore, I finally settled in Borehamwood with my husband and three-year-old daughter Ameline, who currently attends **Little Oaks**. I am grateful for the opportunity to join such a diverse and welcoming school community, and to be a part of its growth. Having previous experience as a business owner and President of a non-profit organisation, I look forward to assisting the Friends of Monksmead to my full capacity.

Chrissy Lamprell- Corporate Sponsorship: I am a single parent to a **Year 3** child. I work for the Metropolitan Police service and have done for over 10 years. I joined the PTA just as a helper last year as I wanted to become more involved in the school community. This year I decided to take that a step further and become a committee member so I could have a bigger impact in helping with the wider range of money-raising events that benefit our children. I want to help make our school the best in the area not just for the education our children receive but also the overall experience and opportunities they are given.

Stephanie Okiabor - Treasurer: Parent to Year 2 and Year 1 daughters.

REASONS WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As parents, you are automatically a member of our PTA - your voice counts. Friends of Monksmead depends on a continual cycle of parent involvement. As children reach their final year and leave, so do their parents. Without your support, we have no PTA. Taking an active role with the PTA is crucial to your children's success, so we've compiled a list of reasons why helping the PTA will greatly improve your child's experience of school.

You are vital to the success of the school

Schools are becoming more and more dependent on their PTA for funds. Funds raised by our PTA have been invested in equipment for the school and many fun treats and activities for the children.

It's flexible!

There are a variety of small ways you can help and be involved. You can help to set up before and after an event, help out on a stall, bake for our cake sales, donate goods for our fayres - there are so many ways you can help us!

You'll feel more connected

There's no better way to know what events are being planned, have your say or make new fundraising suggestions, than by offering your help and support. You'll get to know Teachers and Support Staff on a more familiar basis.

You'll be part of a great network

Every PTA event is an opportunity to meet other parents in the same situation as you wanting to make a difference.

We're not just for mums!

It's important to our PTA, our school and our pupils to have dads represented on our committee and to help reach out to other dads. Are you a dad with a skill that would come in useful?

Be a role model

By being involved with our PTA, you'll show your children that not only are they important to you, but their education is too. Your children will see you playing an active part in making their education more varied. Being involved illustrates good teamwork and community spirit.

And finally...

Our children are only at school for a relatively short time. PTA events such as discos and of course the Winter and Summer Fayres will be remembered fondly by our children for a lifetime. The equipment and resources which the PTA help to fund make learning even more engaging. Help us continue to create lasting memories for our children.

Thank you once again for all your support!

Friends of Monksmead