

# PTFA NEWS

## Parents, Teachers and Friends Association for Meridian School

Welcome back to the new term, and to all new parents a very warm welcome to our school and the PTFA! We are currently busy planning our Winter Fair which will be held in the school car park from 5-7pm on Friday 1 December 2017. It's a lovely event but we need your help for it to go ahead. We are looking for the following:

- ❖ **Helpers to run games/BBQ/tea coffee on night**
- ❖ **Helpers to set up on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> during day**
- ❖ **Someone famous to judge our Christmas cake competition (anyone know of anyone?!)**
- ❖ **Local business to have stalls to sell their goods (£10 per stall and bring your own table)**
- ❖ **Food vendors (such as popcorn/candy floss/churros/crepes/roasted chestnuts etc.)**
- ❖ **Choirs or organisations to perform on the evening**

If anyone has any ideas, local contacts or can help in any way please contact Nicky (details overleaf). These events raise well needed funds for the school but the PTFA really can't run these events without you!

I look forward to hearing from you,

Kind Regards,

Nicky (Chair of the PTFA)



**What is the PTFA?** The Parents Teachers and Friends Association of Meridian School is a fundraising committee run by parents of children in the school and some of the staff.



**Why do we need a PTFA?** We work together to help raise money for the school, through a variety of events, to enhance and add to the children's' experiences at Meridian School.



**Who can join?** Anyone who has an interest in helping to support Meridian School can join. This can be parents, grandparents or carer's of children at the school. Teachers and local community members are also welcome.



**How can I be involved in the PTFA?** There are many different ways you can help with the PTA, whether you have lots of time to offer or not. You can do things like running a stall at the summer fair, baking for a cake sale or helping out at a school disco. You could attend meetings (usually held once every 2 months) and you can always support PTA events by simply turning up.



**What has the PTFA done so far?** We subsidise school trips for every year group, we run the Summer Sizzler, Christmas Fair, and school discos. We have also raised money for playground markings, new equipment and the school entrance aquarium among others things!

## What do I do if I want to know more?

There are lots of ways you can help and we would love to hear from you! Even if you only have an hour once a year to spare, we can find a way for you to be involved.

We would love for some parents to come to our meetings to help us come up with some ideas of what we could buy for the school and also help us think of more ways to fundraise. We always need volunteers for our events and this year would really like to become a registered charity so that we can apply for match funding. It can double everything we raise so if you think you can help please get in touch!

If you are interested in knowing more and what to have a chat, please call or text Nicky Packham (Chair of the PTFA) on 07799074921 or email [nickyb.brown@btinternet.com](mailto:nickyb.brown@btinternet.com). You can also find us on Facebook (just search for friends of Meridian School) Or simply fill out the slip at the bottom of the page and hand it into the school and we will be in touch.

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### PTFA Intention of Interest

Name of Parent/Guardian/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ Year Group \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_