



PTA Newsletter

Autumn/Winter Term 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The new school year is now in full swing and we at the PTA hope your children are well settled and enjoying school life. There has already been a lot of activity for the PTA and there is lots more to look forward to throughout the school year. As all parents and guardians of children at St Gregory's are members of our PTA, we hope that you will enjoy the various activities and events that we have in store. Your continued support helps the PTA make a meaningful contribution to our school, not only by fundraising for much-valued resources, but also by creating a warm and friendly environment for St Gregory's children and their families.

The Year So Far

New Families Picnic

The new families picnic that took place at the school on Saturday 23rd September was a great success. Thank you to the parents that volunteered their time on the day especially Maxina Studnik who co-ordinated the event.

Ealing Half Marathon

Well done to the parents that took place in the Ealing Half Marathon that took place on Sunday, 24th October. So far a total of £1,480.00 has been raised in sponsorship so far but you can still donate via the following website until the end of October:

www.everyclick.com/stgregoryshalfmarathon. Thank you to all the parents and children supporting the parents along the route. **If you feel inspired, next year's Ealing Half Marathon will take place on Sunday 30th September.** You can enter next year's race by registering online: www.ealinghalfmarathon.com. More details on St Gregory's PTA parents' running team to follow in early 2018. Thank you to Emily O'Meara who co-ordinated the team.



What's New

PTA Positions Vacant

The PTA are looking for parents to be involved in Sponsorship, organising events, the Raffle and co-ordinating the Christmas cards. If you are interested in taking on a role within the PTA please come to the next PTA meeting on Thursday 12th October at 8pm in the Coffee Shop located in Ealing Abbey.

Class Reps 2017/18

Each year group in St Gregory's has a team of Class Reps that work with the parents in their child's class to arrange social activities such as coffee mornings or drinks receptions; Class Reps also find volunteers from their class to help out at school fetes and they help to organise teacher's gifts. It is a really valuable role and a great way to get to know the parents in your child's class. There is a team of Class Rep Coordinators that support all Reps. Please contact Caroline Devlin Caroline.devlin@live.co.uk if you are interested in becoming a Class Rep or would like to find out more about the role. Thank you!

The Team

The PTA had some big changes when our wonderful previous chairs - Michelle Malone, Amanda Martina and Claire Taylor - stood down after 3 fantastic years and Sarah Thompson-Oakley stood down as Treasurer after serving 4 years. In total the PTA has raised £98.7k through events during the last four years, 85% of this during the last 3 years. A total of £96.6k has been donated to the school during this time.

Under their guidance our PTA flourished and we had many events and activities that were a great joy for the children of St. Gregory's and their families.

Hello From the New Chairs

As Newly appointed Co-Chairs, Chantain Thomas, Enggy Divan, Gemma Outten and Monica Bryce would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the previous chairs for all their brilliant work for the PTA. A special thank you must also go to Sarah Thompson-Oakley who stood down after 4 years as our treasurer, we welcome our new treasurers Aoife Fryatt and Tracey Holland. We are very fortunate to still have our secretary Emily O'Meara who is a huge asset to our team. We are also very happy to still have Caroline Devlin as our class rep-coordinator, this year she will be



We are very honoured to be appointed as new co-chairs and hope that, with all your help, we will see the PTA go from strength to strength. We rely on all your contributions of time and energy and even small efforts from parents can make a huge difference.

Save the Date

17th November, evening time TBC

PTA Parents social night – Fancy Dress Karaoke.

Warm up your vocal chords and live out your burning ambitions to perform as Madonna or Prince. Or come and judge who has the X Factor at our fancy dress karaoke evening taking place in the school hall. Prizes for best costume and best performance. More details to follow.

2nd December

Christmas Bonanza

The next PTA meeting will take place on Thursday 12th October at 8pm in the Coffee Shop located in Ealing Abbey. All welcome.

A Brief note on the PTA

It is important for parents to understand that the PTA is open to all parents and its prime function is to fundraise for the school and to enhance the sense of community at the school by organising social functions. The PTA does not operate as a liaison between parents and the school regarding school matters. Class reps and other PTA position holders are volunteers whose role is to organise, help raise awareness of and support PTA social events and to organise coffee mornings/nights out and teacher's gifts. If a parent has any other issues regarding the school it is best to contact the class teacher or school directly.

We sincerely hope we all have a wonderful year ahead.

Gemma, Chantain, Monica and Enggy
St Gregory's PTA Co-Chairs