

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to Chorleywood Primary School from all on the **PTA (Parent Teacher Association)**. Our PTA is made up of committed and friendly parents who work together to raise thousands of pounds for your child through many fun events for parents and children.



Why do we have a PTA?

School budgets are very stretched and the PTA can provide invaluable funds to enhance the provision the school can offer. It is an excellent way to bring us together and much fun is had not only at events, but as all the preparations are undertaken. Our annual target is £15,000; with big one off special events we often surpass this, most years we raise about £20,000.



Over the past 5 years we have raised thousands for the school. With this the school have been able to purchase or pay towards....

- Revamping the playground with new outdoor gym equipment and adventure play tower
 - Ipads and netbooks
 - New sound and lighting system for the hall
- Every year subsidise a whole school trip to the Christmas Pantomime (Reception upwards) and end of year trip (whole school)
 - Money towards class parties and discos, school awards and year 6 leavers trip
 - £100 per class each school year for resources
 - The 'Pavilion' being purchased and installed for outdoor learning
 - The play tractor and instruments in the playground
 - Playground markings
 - New football goals
- Revamped the CAS (Creative Arts Studio, where the children not only eat lunch but take part in cookery and arts and crafts sessions)
 - Maintaining the allotments and rough patch

How does it all work?

- The PTA is made up of parents and staff. We meet annually at the start of the school year as part of the AGM. All are welcome to this and to all our meet ups, there is no expectation to sign yourselves up to anything! Listening in and giving ideas is just as valuable.
- We usually meet every 5-6 weeks at 'The Stag' to discuss events, ideas and suggestions; it is a great opportunity to meet socially as well. Each class has a 'Class Representative' and they arrange social gatherings usually termly, they also keep you up to date with all PTA related matters and what is going on in school generally.
- We have a Facebook page with regular update (please join!) as well as a PTA email address that we can be contacted on. We send out emails with event details and newsletters to keep you updated. There is a PTA noticeboard in school for general reminders too.

PTA Email: ptachorleywoodprimaryschool@hotmail.co.uk

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chorleywoodprimarypta/>

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How do we raise the money?

There are many events that vary year to year to raise money. New ideas and people wanting to organise events are always welcomed. Some regulars and successes are:

- ✓ *Film club: Friday after school to 5pm different dates across the year, £3 film, popcorn and drink.*
- ✓ *Adults Quiz night: Dinner and quiz fun with excellent bar and raffle prizes (Autumn term).*
- ✓ *Christmas Fair: Huge money raiser between £4,500-5,000, amazing afternoon of festive fun, raffles, foods and games for all the family.*
- ✓ *Christmas cards: Children design a card, PTA turn into cards for purchase for friends and family.*
- ✓ *Family Fun Night: Quiz organised by the staff for all the family, PTA providing dinner (jacket potato/ chilli/ pizza), bar and tuck shop. (End January)*
- ✓ *Adult Band Night, dancing until late with bar.*
- ✓ *Children's Discos: Nursery up to year 2, Year 3 to Year 6 partying with their friends*
- ✓ *Mother's Day and Father's day sales: £2 a gift children can buy a gift for these special days to give as a surprise to say thank you.*
- ✓ *Annual big events (Raising up to £6,000) 2013 Cycling, 2014 Three Peaks, 2015 Cycle challenge, 2016 Mr Ryan ran the Marathon.*
- ✓ *Fun Run: Children take part in obstacle courses and are sponsored, with a % going to a charity of the children's choice. Awaiting this years total but usually £1,500-£2,000.*
- ✓ *Summer Fair: Amazing day of fun outside, bouncy castles, stalls, BBQ, bar and the silent auction raising us between £5,000-6,000 each year.*
- ✓ *Summer 50p Fridays, tuck shop or ice cream shop after school*
- ✓ *Non uniform days (in exchange for donations for fairs, events or just £)*
- ✓ *And many more.....*

How can you help?

Any way in which you want! Whether it is:

- joining the main committee,
- being an observer,
- coming to meetings,
- reading the newsletters,
- keeping updated on Facebook and through the notice board,
- donating some time at the events or products that are needed,
- coming to events or allowing your children to attend

really every little helps and we cannot do it without all the support of all the families.

We are really looking for new people to take on some roles and bring new ideas to our calendar of events so come along if you are interested.



Thank you for your time and we look forward to meeting everyone in the new school year. Please contact us through the email below and join our Facebook page for more information.

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'Share' Chairs of the PTA*

Parents of children in Year 2 and Year 4 (From September 2017)

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