



Saltford School Parent Teacher Association

What is Saltford School PTA?

Welcome to Saltford School and Saltford School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), an important link between home and school. All Parents/carers and friends of the school are automatically members of the PTA.

What does the PTA do?

The events organised by the PTA are many and varied. Each year we hold the very popular Christmas and Summer Fairs which are the main fundraising events of the year. We also organise class cake sales, children's discos, film nights and adult events. As well as providing fun and social occasions, these events help to raise funds to provide extra items of equipment for the school. Many years ago the school swimming pool was built and equipped by the PTA. More recently, purchases for the school have ranged from new computers for each classroom, iPads, a new heater for the swimming pool, digital cameras, new playground equipment, online safety and other workshops, new digital smart boards for the classrooms and a Defibrillator for the school.

What are the benefits of being involved in the PTA?

It can help parents:

- ◆ improve the school and its facilities;
- ◆ get to know each other – whilst taking part in a range of fun activities;
- ◆ share common concerns;
- ◆ find out more about how the school works; and
- ◆ raise funds for extra items or services to enrich children's education

It can help children:

- ◆ receive a richer education as a result of items bought by the PTA; and
- ◆ benefit from your increased understanding of the school.

It can help teachers:

- ◆ reach potential volunteers and enthusiasts who may help with school projects

The PTA is **not** a channel for concerns about particular children or for individual complaints.

When is the next PTA meeting?

We usually meet in the school staff room next to the school library. The meetings are held once or twice each term and are open to all parents/carers. The meetings are very informal and short (about 1 to 1 ½ hours) and everyone is welcome!

The school newsletter, PTA Facebook Page and PTA notice board will give details of dates and times of meetings as well as text messages. Copies of agendas and minutes of PTA meetings are emailed to all parents. The PTA also has a web page which gives details of current members, contacts and planned events. (www.saltfordschool.org.uk) as well as a Facebook page – Saltford School PTA (which you can request to join)

When is the PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)?

The PTA AGM usually takes place in the autumn. We welcome all new / current parents and carers. Exact details will follow in the weekly School Newsletter. At the AGM we review PTA activities over the past year and look at plans for the future.

Who can help?

Any parent or carer is welcome; we have Mums and Dads on the current PTA so don't be shy please come along and help. Your skills and contacts may be really helpful. Remember, many hands make light work. If you are only able to come to a few meetings a year it really does help!

"I can't volunteer on a regular basis – I don't have time."

Most people are in the same boat, however, it doesn't matter – any help you can offer will be of value. There will always be something that you can do – even if you can't help on a regular basis.

The PTA Committee

The PTA Committee comprises a group of elected parents/carers who are willing to organise events on behalf of the PTA. The Committee has a Chair (Head Teacher) and 12 Committee Members including a Secretary and a Treasurer. We also need lots of other helpers, so please volunteer to assist with the major fundraising events of the year where we need lots of extra help including volunteering on stalls, selling of tickets etc. Volunteer lists are posted outside classrooms a few weeks before these events and even an hour of your time will much appreciated. We also request donations of items such as cakes and prizes for the tombola, details of which can be found in the school newsletter near the time of the events.

How much money was raised by PTA in 2018/19?

The 2018/2019 school year was yet another fantastic year for fundraising. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the committee, parents, staff, and everyone who attends our PTA events, approximately £32,000 was raised!

This includes the following highlights:

Summer Fair 2018 & Sports Day Refreshments	Approx. £7000
Christmas Fair 2019	Approx. £3000
Christmas Cards and Mugs	Approx. £1200
Adult disco and quiz	Approx. £2000
Children's Discos	Approx. £1400
Cake Sales	Approx. £1450
Film Night	Approx £450
Circus	Approx £2500

How the money has been spent so far in 2019/20

How has the money been spent so far? We are proud to have supported the building of substantial new outdoor play equipment, including grass matting to enable year-round use and we've bought books for the reading library. The whole school took part in an online safety project run by Bigfoot Art Education and each class has received new golden time games and toys; Key Stage 2 children have benefitted from robot wars workshops and been given personal planners; younger children have had Lego STEM workshops and received resources for EYFS social groups and the THRIVE programme. Most recently gravel paths were added and improvements were made to the secret garden to make it accessible year round.

Also, whilst cake sales have been taking place for many years, historically money raised from these goes into the PTA 'pot' however, since 2015, any monies raised goes directly back to the classes involved allowing the children the opportunity to be involved in spending the money on equipment for their own class. So far many have opted to buy new Golden Time toys to enhance their reward time each week.

If you would like to become involved with the PTA and be kept up to date with information and events please join the PTA Facebook Page and come along to the next meeting if you can; keep an eye out for the next meeting information in the school newsletter – we look forward to meeting you.