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Parent Teacher Association

Green Ridge Primary Academy

What is a PTA?

A recognised group of parents and teachers that work together for the benefit of a school.

Why do we want a PTA?

- ▶ Bringing our new school community together – adults and children
- ▶ Offers support to new families and children each year
- ▶ Opportunity to work in partnership with the academy and parents/carers
- ▶ Raises additional funds – which benefit our children

What benefits can a PTA bring?

- ▶ If parents/carers are more engaged with school life, we know that this directly impacts on how well children achieve at school.
- ▶ Parents/carers can bring support to the teachers and office staff, and create a caring and warmth around the school for the school community.
- ▶ Parents/carers are better connected with what is going on within the academy and understand why we are doing what we are doing.
- ▶ Offers parents/carers a chance to network and work together and get to know one another.
- ▶ Parents/carers will be a significant contribution to the school.
- ▶ Parents/carers as role models to children in the school.
- ▶ Everyone is part of the PTA – it's inclusive.
- ▶ Raising important funds.
- ▶ Fun!

What will the PTA look like?

Informal PTA committee:

- ❑ Chair person – takes overall responsibility for the committee and wider PTA
- ❑ Secretary – taking responsibility for administration of the PTA, e.g. newsletters, parent reminders, organisation of events
- ❑ Treasurer – Mrs Erdos will provide the necessary financial support
- ❑ Teacher – taking responsibility for liaison between PTA committee and school staff, and liaising with the committee about arrangements for each event
- ❑ Headteacher – providing a link between the school and PTA to work with the Chair person and offer guidance/support and ensure the PTA is meeting the needs of the academy.
- ❑ PTA Class Reps – providing a link person to the committee for each class

All parents/carers are, by default, are members of the PTA when their child joins!
It is not exclusive! The committee is not the PTA on its own.

Time commitment/skills needed

- ▶ Meetings with the committee/school – some may be evenings
- ▶ Planning for peaks and troughs
- ▶ Forward planning
- ▶ Commitment to support at events (as with all parents)
- ▶ Identifying class rep for PTA to help further distribute jobs/tasks for specific events (e.g. class rep is responsible for finding three parents in the class to help at the summer fair, and then report back to the chair or secretary etc.)
- ▶ High levels of organisation
- ▶ Ability to work together – you cannot do it all!
- ▶ Go-getter!
- ▶ Sustainability

Lessons learned

- ▶ Often, the most simple concepts work for fundraising – don't be too ambitious with fundraising plans.
- ▶ Think about events which are low in cost to run, but have a high return
- ▶ Think about the preparation needed for an event, versus what you might get back
- ▶ Plan for events so parents/carers know what is coming and can plan for the expenditure
- ▶ Don't let the same parents/carers do everything – it is not sustainable.
- ▶ Listen and survey parents/carers – what do they say/think
- ▶ Don't let it become just the 'committee'

A starter for ten...

- ▶ Cinema events
- ▶ Christmas fair/event
- ▶ Summer/spring fair
- ▶ School discos
- ▶ Adult quiz night
- ▶ Pamper nights
- ▶ Raffles

Next steps

- ▶ If you are interested in being part of the committee, or being a class rep, please complete one of the forms and return it to Mr Wanford/Office by Wednesday, 11th October 3.30pm.
- ▶ If there are more parents/carers interested in specific roles than vacancies then we may need to hold a vote before half-term.
- ▶ Note will go in newsletter that if parents wish to put themselves forward for the committee posts or class reps, they have until 11th October.
- ▶ w/c 30th October – committee meet and begin to think about events ahead (e.g. Christmas)

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Thank you!

