



The PTA is a voluntary independent organisation, made up of a mixture of parents and staff. Its purpose is to support the school, augmenting the facilities provided by the Governors to advance the education of the children, through a strong partnership with the school itself. We do this by fostering close co-operation and communication among parents, staff and others associated with the school, extending our relationship, and engaging in activities that support the school.

### **Who are the PTA?**

Everyone who is associated with our school: parents, carers, teachers, non-teaching staff, Governors and caretakers are automatically members of our PTA.

### **What do we do?**

The PTA organises a wide range of both fundraising and social events throughout the year. Fundraising events raise money for the school to pay for much needed extras, which benefit our children by enhancing the school curriculum and improving the school environment. Social events provide the opportunity for the school community to get together and have some fun while raising extra funds for the school. We are fortunate that we have a dedicated team focused on raising funds for the school, which we are able to achieve thanks to the on-going support of the parents, staff and pupils alike.

### **What do we spend PTA funds on?**

All of the funds raised by the PTA are put directly back into the school and therefore benefit each and every one of our children. The Head Teacher, teaching staff and PTA committee get together to decide what to spend PTA funds on at any particular time. Here is a list of what some of our funds have been spent on:

- A new Library
- Electric Piano
- Nest Boxes
- Wet playtime toys
- New printers for each class room
- New playground markings
- A Defibrillator
- Hi-Vis vests for the children to wear when on nature walks to the park, school trips etc.
- ICT Equipment

## **Who manages the PTA?**

The PTA is managed by a committee of friendly and enthusiastic volunteer parents, who work together with other parents and staff of the school to organise a wide range of both social and fundraising events for the school throughout the year. Although we put a lot of time and energy into these projects, we have a great deal of fun organising them and our efforts are rewarded when the events are successful. We are always on the lookout for more volunteers to lend a hand, so if you feel you are able to help in any way possible, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Committee.

Key roles:

- Ria Neill – Chairperson
- Hayley Mayoh – Secretary
- Lindsey O’Neill – Treasurer
- Melanie Barratt – Head Teacher
- Ian Risby – Deputy Head

We also have general members who are a group of willing and able parent volunteers who come along to PTA meetings regularly and help out at both social and fundraising events whenever they can.

## **Forthcoming Fundraising & Social Events**

Full details of all events are featured in school and PTA newsletters as well as being advertised in the PTA window at the front of school.

## **How you can get involved**

If you have a child at the school or if you are a member of staff, you are very welcome to come along to any meeting. The PTA usually meets once every term in the evening to see where help is needed, to decide what to buy, and to decide how to raise funds. We are always looking for volunteers to help with our events; if you can spare some time and want to get involved or if you are in a position to offer goods/services that would contribute in any way, please contact the Committee.

## **Contact Information**

If you have any fundraising ideas you would like to share with us, or any queries about our PTA then please let a member of the PTA Committee know.

We are here to support our children and help raise funds to further enhance their wonderful education and pleasure here at St. Michael’s. The more support you can give, the more your child will benefit, and what’s more important than our children...?

We therefore thank you in advance for the support we hope you will give the PTA throughout your child’s school life. Kind regards,

PTA Chairperson.