



Hollybrook Junior School

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Dear Parents / Carers

Junior School Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

I am writing to you to clarify the position of whether or not the Junior School has a PTA. The Junior School no longer has an active PTA and the bank account has now been closed. The Infant School PTA is still very much active and is a massive positive support for fund raising for things that the school can no longer afford to buy out of their budgets as well as doing "fun" activities with the children which would not be otherwise possible.

Not having a PTA in the Junior School will mean that from now on:

- No trips will be subsidised and parents / carers will have to pay for the cost of the coaches
- There will be no discos
- There will be no Summer Fair
- There will be no Year 6 Leavers celebrations
- The children will miss out on equipment e.g. IT (last year the infant PTA provided funds to purchase 8 interactive learn pads for each class)

In the Infant School children benefit from other things such as Easter Egg Hunt, Cookery, Christmas Shopping Day, Sponsored Sports to name but a few. Last Year the Infant PTA raised approximately £4,500.

The Infant School also benefits from having class reps for each class in the school. These reps meet half-termly at parent forums with Senior Leaders and form an invaluable link between home and school. I have been approached by several parents in the Junior School about having a similar Parent Forum; this is not possible without a PTA.

A handful of parents, some who have children in both schools, are willing to pursue the idea of having a joint PTA. I am very grateful to them as they would form the core committee but they do still need other members. However, none of this is possible unless we have support from parents / carers in the Junior School as well as the Infant School. As the majority of the committee are also working parents, I am sure you will appreciate that they need help from the rest of the parents in the school to e.g. help at events, prepare things at home, put forward ideas. We would also need one or two parents from each class to be the reps in order for the forums to take place.

I strongly feel that it is a shame that the experiences and learning opportunities that the children receive in the Infant School cease as soon as they move to the Junior School. With your support we can change this.

There is a meeting at the Junior School at 9.00am next Tuesday 27th September where everyone is welcome. If you are understandably unable to come along please can you indicate on the form below your support.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I look forward to your responses.

Yours sincerely

Jane Wood
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Reply Slip

Hollybrook Junior PTA

I actively support the re-introduction of a joint PTA and will support where I can.

Name _____

Contact e-mail / mobile _____

My child's name and class _____

I would find it easier to attend meetings in the morning (9.00am) _____

afternoon (2.00pm) _____

evening _____

(please tick at least one)

Please return forms to the Junior School Office

