

Hello and welcome to St Paul's CE Primary School PTA (Parent Teacher Association).

The PTA is a registered charity whose main purpose is to raise funds via organised activities and events. All funds raised are then used to provide 'extras' to help, support and enhance our children's learning experience at St Paul's. Apart from fundraising the PTA also seeks to provide opportunities to promote good relationships between the parents and the teaching staff for the benefit of the school's community spirit.

The PTA committee meets approximately once a month to discuss ideas for different fundraising events/activities along with how to spend the raised funds effectively to benefit the school. Please do come along to a meeting, it would be nice to meet you. Plus it's the best way to find out what is being planned, to have your say and it's a nice way to meet other parents and build a relationship with the school staff. Don't worry, by coming along to a meeting you won't get roped into anything!

If you cannot attend meetings you can keep up to date via the PTA page of St Paul's website or follow us on Twitter. There is a link on the website if you would like to contact us and/or request to receive emails that will notify you of the next PTA meeting and copies of the meeting minutes. Also, look out for the PTA newsletter which comes out every term.

Life is busy and if you simply don't have the time to attend meetings you can still support the PTA in other ways:

- If you shop on line - register with www.easyfundraising.org.uk and select St. Paul's Primary, Withington. It's the easiest way to raise funds while you shop at no extra cost to yourself. No amount is too small and you'll be surprised how quickly it all adds up.
- Does the company you work for have a Company Matched Giving Scheme for employees? Do you work for/own a company that might be prepared to donate a raffle prize for our Christmas or summer fair?
- Do you have skills, hobbies or experience that maybe useful? i.e. photography, marketing, experience of making grant applications.
- Sometimes all we need is 15 minutes of your time: Help sell cakes at our regular cake sales, make a poster advertising an event, help set up or clear up after an event
- Join in our events – come along to the social events, buy cakes at the cake sales, donate items for the summer fete.
- Donate any unwanted foreign coins – there is a container at the school office.

If you would like to get involved in any way please come along to a meeting to meet us or email us via the website, and we hope that you have a long and happy association with St Paul's and the PTA.

Regards

Melissa Whelan (PTA Chair)