



It feels very strange to be sending out a PTFA news after so many months and for it to be our final one as the current PTFA committee at Markeaton.

After three years in the role, we will be stepping down to make way for a new team to take forward the PTFA into the next few years.

We've had a great few years and it's been sad not to have been able to hold some of the final events this year. We want to say a huge thank you for all your support and in helping to raise additional funds for the school which we know has been put to some great uses.

### **What next?**

We're looking for a new committee! Over the past three years we've raised just over £40,000 for the school and it would be a shame for this not to be continued.

We've put together below some information about the PTFA and what you can expect being part of it as well as some financial data on how money has been raised and how it has been spent.

We hope to set a date for the annual general meeting (AGM) in September where we will officially step down and ask for interest in a new committee.

### **What is it like running the PTFA and what can you expect being part of a new committee?**

It's like running a small business; elements include, but are not limited to:

1. Event planning
2. Financial planning
3. Social media activities

What are the benefits to the school?

1. On average over the last 6 years, the PTFA has generated £13-18k extra funds per year
2. Part of the money raised each year reduces trips each year by £10 per child
3. Most of the money raised buys 'extras' for children. Recent examples include artwork, a snack trolley ran by the children, tablets and books
4. PTFA events have increased links with the local and wider community. We've worked alongside community groups, WI, local businesses, and choirs and brass bands

What are the personal benefits of being part of the PTFA?

1. Friendships!
2. Getting to know a wider circle of people in the school, both staff and parents
3. Learning new skills: we've tackled fund raising, commercials, event planning, marketing, advertising, content planning, project management, risk assessment to name but a few
4. To make a difference – the money raised does make a huge difference to the school; however, we also run a number of events that are aimed at helping families of the school, e.g. 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform, Christmas production costume hire and 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Christmas Jumper sales

What would you be getting from the current committee?

1. The current successful calendar of events has been in place for the past 6 years. The new committee would be able to continue with these tried and tested events (COVID-19 permitting) being confident in their ability to raise money.
2. That being said, there are multiple spaces and opportunities to make changes and for a new committee to put their own stamp on it, especially in the current climate.
3. Each event is fully documented with contacts, stalls and stock used so you'd know what to do and when.
4. Full financial breakdown of each event so you can see what works and what needs changes for next time.

How would we (outgoing committee) help in the future?

1. There would be a full and detailed handover once a new committee is formed
2. We would be really happy to be represented at meetings going forward as and when needed or just on an event-by-event basis

What is the investment from you?

1. Although events bring peaks and troughs, it roughly converts to one evening per week
2. Monthly meetings are needed to keep the committee on track
3. Just before an event, there is a greater investment of time needed depending upon how many people are involved in its organisation.

Positions needed:

Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

Currently, we don't really work within the set roles and rather split the work up based on capacity and current life situation.















If you don't want to be a committee member, could you take on an event or activity either on your own or in a small group? The PTFA always need volunteers for events and to help behind the scenes. Some parents share their specialist skills; last year we had help making Santa's sleigh, decorating the Christmas events and running a wreath-making workshop.

**If you're interested, what do you do next?**













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You aren't committed just by asking, promise!

From Sep-17 to May-20 we have raised a total of £41k by...

Selling refreshments £2,094 	Annual Shopping Evening £3,126 	Christmas Cards £669 	
Silent Auction £1,180 	Selling cheese, beer & Xmas Puddings £687 	Christmas Hamper Raffles £2,591 	Christmas Fairs £5,214 
Xmas & Summer Discos £4,048 	Annual Spring Quiz £2,435 	Community Schemes/ Grants £3,487 	Bags to School Collections £1,128 
Easter Events £893 	2nd Hand Uniform Stalls £288 	Snowdon Climb by Mr Johnson & team £2,238 	Other - inc parent/carer donations £1,598

School have spent that money on the following...

Junior Toilets £7,000 	FS2 Indoor Improvements £3,689 	IT Improvements £5,934 	
Good Choice Awards £592 	Art & STEM days £4,544 	Touchscreen TVs £1,425 	School Trips (£10 per child per year) £12,128 
Safe Consultancy Fee's £3,000 	Specialist Books £962 	Community Room £2,650 	
Book Bags for New Starters £342 	Football Goals £140 		

## Upcoming PTFA Events 2020

Date TBC

Annual General meeting (AGM)

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