

## Newsletter

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Happy new year! Hope you all had a fun break over Christmas and are now raring to go with the new term! We have lots of events coming up over the next few months, so please make a note in your diaries so you can be prepared ©

## Who we are?

My name is Liz Toft and most of you will be familiar with me from my prolific Facebook posts. I started writing these newsletters when I took over as Chair of the PTA in 2018 and have always written anonymously and in the third person, but I think there may be some misconceptions about who the PTA actually are, so I will introduce us!

I'm a year 6 mum. This is my 8th and final year as a mum at Frimley. Clare is Treasurer, Julie is vice-treasurer, both also year 6 mums. We have 6 other mums on the committee\* but only 3 will be left in September. We all work, we are all busy, but we love the school and want to enhance the children's experience by organising fun events for them and raising money for extra resources. Since 2018 the PTA events have raised approx. £20,000 and have been able to fund many things including the large canopies on the field, new books, the Jubilee celebration and the year 6 leavers hoodies and annual 'do'.

All the events including the discos, Christmas Fair, movie night, quiz night and bingo, will not continue from September unless some new people come forward to take over from us.

I appreciate that you may not always like every decision we make but we all work together as a team, along with the staff to try to do our best for the children. We would really welcome anyone new to bring different ideas and influence how we do things. It will also make life much easier for anyone to take over if you have some kind of handover, especially with regards banking, charity regulation, where equipment is stored etc. I know many people get put off from getting involved because they think they will be overwhelmed; junior school is not like infant school and the demands are nothing like as great - we aim to run one event per term and all of these have been hosted before so a format, risk assessments, shopping lists etc are all in place. It is a lovely way to get to know other parents and be more involved in school life. The time commitment is small so please consider getting involved \\ \mathbb{O} \mathbb{O}

\*'the committee' is a fancy description for a few parents who try to attend the 1.5 hour half-termly online meetings and are in a WhatsApp group chat!

## !! Upcoming events !!

15.01.24	<b>PTA meeting</b> 19.00 on Zoom – everyone welcome! Contact for the code
31.01.24	<b>Second hand uniform sale</b> 15.25 on the Astro turf.
23.02.24	Curry & quiz night – tickets on sale from 25.01.24 at https://www.pta-events.co.uk/frimleypta/
07.03.24	<b>Spring disco</b> 17.30 – 19.00 – save the date!
15.06.24	'Big fundraising event' 16.00 - 22.00 – save the date!