



Andrews Memorial
Primary School

PTA

Fundraising, social
events and building
a community between
school and home.



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Newsletter

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IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK!

Welcome back to another *New Term* from all of us at AMPS PTA! We would especially like to welcome all the new families joining us for the first time - we truly hope you feel at home already and are looking forward to an action-packed school year.

It was very encouraging to see so many gathered out for the first PTA meeting of the year on Thursday 7th September and again for our AGM the following week. Particular thanks to our new Principal, Mr Colin Fulton, for hosting both meetings. We are very glad to have his backing and support going forward, in our fundraising efforts for the school.

Fundraising is obviously one of the major reasons behind having a PTA. We are all aware of how the political landscape in our country has effected what schools, such as ours, receive in funding from the Department of Education. Put simply: It's not enough. That's why we feel it is important to have a PTA, enabling our children to have access to the very best learning resources, equipment and apparatus both inside and outside the classroom, as well as fantastic and fun-filled experiences.

Our PTA is not just about raising money, believe it or not! Individually we are parents, grandparents and teachers but together we are a community. It's great to feel part of something positive, so please take this as your cue to feel great too, as we extend a very warm invitation to join us this year. Whether you've been with us before or have never been on the PTA - you are welcome! We understand everyone is busy and it might not always be possible to attend a meeting but don't let that put you off! Join the PTA associates group where you can volunteer to lend a hand at the events that suit you and be kept up to date with everything that's happening. If this is something you'd like to be involved in, simply 'Whatsapp' Chairperson Debbie McLaughlin on 07734 868388 to be added to the associates group.



GOAL
REACHED

Last year we
raised a
MASSIVE
£12,000

£5,950 paid
for brand
new
computers

£4,500 paid
for outdoor
classroom
equipment

This year we are
aiming to provide
sets of iPads for our
Key Stage groups -
at almost **£9,000** per
set! LET'S DO THIS!!





MEET THE COMMITTEE (PART 1)

Name: Debbie McLaughlin
PTA Role: Chairperson



Why did you join the PTA?

"I joined the PTA last year, as a parent of 2 pupils at the school and being a past pupil of AMPS myself, I wanted to contribute in whatever way I could towards their fundraising efforts."

What are you looking forward to this year?

"We're starting this year as a new PTA committee with a mix of returning members and new faces. I am excited to see what we can achieve together, hopefully continuing on the success of last year with fun events for all the family to look forward to!"

JUST A LITTLE SOMETHING..

Many if not all of you will be aware of the generosity shown to our children on a regular basis by the AMPS teaching staff, in the form of treats, prizes, birthday gifts and merit awards.

Such seemingly small gestures have a huge impact on a child's morale. However, you may **not** be aware that these gifts are purchased out of the teachers' very own pockets and I'm sure you will agree this must incur quite a cost throughout the year. As a small token of our enormous thanks, the PTA will be gifting the sum of £50 per class to teaching staff. We are so grateful for their kindness.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Good things are coming

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

We intend to re-introduce our annual PTA subscription by kindly requesting the voluntary donation of £30 per family to be sent into school by 10th November please. More information on how to pay will be available soon. Thank you.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Due to the amazing support it received last term, not to mention the INCREDIBLE amount raised, the PTA will be holding another **PUB QUIZ** at McBride's on the Square, on *Friday 10th November*. This will be a ticketed event, with opportunities to purchase your ticket beforehand in cash and online, as well as on the door in cash on the night. Tickets are priced at £5 per person. Doors open at 7PM for quiz start at 7.30PM. Make sure to save the date for a great night's craic!

Pumpkin Carving Competition

Wednesday 25th October
Winner announced Friday 27th.

P1-3 leave pumpkins on the Andrews Hall steps.
P4-7 leave pumpkins on the benches at the school main doors.



£2 to enter. Please attach money in an envelope underneath pumpkin.

Hallowe'en Disco

Friday 27th October
£1 entry
Non-Uniform Tuck-Shop
Volunteers required



The next PTA meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4th October at 3pm - everyone welcome!