# FRIENDS OF THE DEANERY

Deanery C.E. Primary School 14 Fox Hollies Road, Sutton Coldfield, B76 2RD

# Welcome To Your PTFA

#### What is the PTFA and why do we have one?

PTFA is a group of parents, teachers and friends of The Deanery Primary School. It is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and children together socially in support of the school. We have been an integral part of the school for a number of years and raised thousands of pounds which has been spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's educational experiences and the schools facilities.

We are a registered charity and are working hard to develop strong links with the local community. With much needed support from parents and staff, the PTFA can continue to be successful in its efforts. You are automatically a member of our PTFA when your child joins our school.

#### Five reasons why your PTFA matters!

- 1. It improves the school for your child.
- 2. It builds trust. It's a great way to get to know other parents and teachers.
- 3. It raises funds which impact massively on the opportunities and experiences of all of the children at our school.
- 4. It gives you a voice when deciding where PTA funds are spent.
- 5. It's good for you. Every parent has plenty to offer the PTA and your talents will be put to good use! As well as being enjoyable and satisfying, you can build your confidence and learn new skills too!

#### How do we raise money?

Most of our funds are raised through the events that we run. We aim to ensure our families have fun whilst raising money for the school! We try to make events affordable and enjoyable for everyone. Over the last few years we have held adult quizzes, children's discos, an adult only comedy night, raffles, Christmas Fayre and Deanery Fest. We also sell Second hand school uniform via our <u>uniform facebook page</u>. We are exploring lots of other options and always welcome new ideas.

#### What do we use the funds raised for?

The money we raise is spent on the activities and resources that are not provided by the school's budget, making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. We welcome funding requests from staff, parents and the school council. Our constitution commits the funds that we raise to things that will benefit the children directly.

In previous years we have co-funded sound and lighting systems, contributed to the Multi Use Games Area on the school playground, contributed to the KS1 Adventure Playground, purchased learning tablets and for the past few years we have taken the whole school to the pantomime at Christmas time.

#### How often do we meet?

We meet on the second Tuesday of every half term either on school premises or via Zoom. Our meetings start at 7:30pm. You do not need to be on the committee to attend meetings. Likewise, you do not need to attend meetings to be involved with our events.

#### How do we get information to you?

We circulate a newsletter and are on Facebook and twitter (search for @deaneryptfa) so that we can reach you easily when we are looking for things. You can also email us <u>ptfa.deanery@gmail.com</u>.

#### How can I get involved?

There are lots of ways that you can help and support your children through the PTFA. Offering to help is so valuable, it doesn't matter if you don't want to hold an 'official role', can't help on a regular basis, or if you cannot come into school. There are always jobs that need to be done if you have half an hour to spare (e.g. preparing raffle tickets, creating posters, contacting people for raffle prizes). Let us know if you have any contacts or skills that we could utilise, if you work for a company that provides matched funding opportunities. Any offer of help is particularly valuable to us.

If you would like to get involved, you can join the list of volunteers who commit some of their time to helping the committee. Or you can simply support the AGM in November and give us some feedback and fundraising suggestions.

Come to the PTFA meeting – you will find the dates on the PTFA section of the school website. Also, like us on Facebook for all the latest PTFA news and events. We encourage everybody to get involved, you will have a lot of fun and will get a real sense of achievement.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. We hope you now know a little more about your PTFA. On behalf of all the pupils we would like to thank you for your very valuable support which enriches their learning experience and makes their time in school so enjoyable.

We hope that we will hear from and see you soon.

#### **PTFA Team**

## Your PTFA Team 2021-22

Officers		<b>Committee Members</b>
Adam Suter & Mark Green	Chair	Jenny Wood
	Treasurer	Dave Rooney
	Secretary	Nicola Carter
	GDPR	Alicia Peckett
Mrs Cullen	School Rep	Gemma Knight
		Katie Swann

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Please note that our social media is managed by PTFA and does not represent the views of the school. Simply scan these QR codes with the camera on your smartphone.



@deaneryPTFA Facebook Page



PTA Events Online Booking Platform



Deanery Second hand uniform page