

An Introduction to St John's Mead Parent and Teacher Association (PTA)

First of all a huge welcome to the school and nursery from all of us on the PTA, we are always happy to see new faces at the school.

This is by way of a brief introduction to the PTA and what we get up to throughout the year. We all recall starting in the school and how little you feel you know! Including what the PTA does.

The primary purpose of the PTA is to fund raise for the school. The money raised is then used to provide things for the school that have a positive and direct impact on the childrens' school experience. In the past that has included additional electronic white boards, school playground equipment, subsidies for school trips and reward prizes for childrens' achievements.

The PTA is made up of parents who are willing and able to attend our monthly meetings and those who can't attend the meeting regularly but are willing helpers at different events. In addition there are currently 3 teachers and of course Mrs Berry, our head teacher. We meet monthly to plan our fundraising events, keep a track of our financial targets and to mastermind future activities. The meetings are usually between an hour and two at most and huge amounts of fun.

During the year we have regular events which the children look forward to with huge excitement. These include end of term discos for the children, the Christmas and summer fayres along with mother's day and father's day presents for the children to buy. We also run family events such as barn dances and family discos where the mums and dads can meet and have social time.

This year we have raised in excess of £?????? Which has provided the development of "play pods" in the school to enhance the children's play experience. This is a highly innovative use of everyday things provided by the Scrapstore to promote the childrens' imaginative and creative play. We have also provided funds alongside donations to revamp the junior playground using designs that the children came up with.

Every year we look to encourage those parents who are new to the school to join us either as someone who can come along once a month or as one of our many helpers at different events. It is a great way to get to know the school and to meet other parents who want to help make our school the best it can be. This year in particular we are looking for extra members, so whatever you can do to support us will be fantastic.

If you would like to know more or in fact volunteer then speak to your child's teacher who will point out the PTA members or just come along to our meetings, they are open to all (whether you sign up or not).

We hope that you and your child enjoy SJM as much as we do.