



Re-establishing St Nicholas Primary School PTFA Update

To all parents and friends

We held a parents' meeting in the main hall on Friday 28th June at St Nicholas School, where we shared information on the benefits of having a PTFA, its significance for our school and the many ways in which everyone can participate and contribute. We had an amazing turnout of just over 20 parents, who are fully supportive of bring back the PTFA. Here is a recap of the meeting for everyone's benefit.

Why do we need a PTFA?

Officially St Nicholas does have a PTFA, as a registered charity, however, during Covid it fell away and today we are the only school in the local area that does not have an active PTFA. Since Covid, the School led by Mrs Gooch and supported by volunteers have done a fantastic job in continuing with events and fundraising. With the School now becoming a Primary School, we feel the time is right for Parents to step back into the running of the PTFA, to free up time for the school to focus on progressing the education of our children and development of our primary school.

The main purpose of the PTFA is to generate funds for our school, whilst strengthening family-school partnerships through events, fundraising, programs and community driven activities. In doing so, creating opportunities to enhance the quality of education for all the children, improving their school life and experiences. As a reminder, all parents are automatically members of the PTFA and we are open to having friends and relatives to support as well.

From a Governance perspective:

As the St Nicholas PTFA is a registered charity it is important there is absolute transparency to the members, the school and the Governors as to fundraising income and what it is spent on. There is a legal requirement from the Charity Commission for the PTFA to have 3 appointed Trustees to manage the running of the PTFA, namely: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

So what is the PTFA responsible for?

Building PTFA Community and managing the relations with the School and Governors: We can all support the PTFA by contributing and participating in many different ways. It can be as simple as volunteering to offer time to support planning events, manning a stall, finding raffle prizes from local businesses for an event or simply attending events. In doing so, also having fun and building new relationships. The PTFA Committee is responsible managing all this, as well as maintaining a healthy relationship with the School and Governors.

We appreciate people have busy lives and commitments, so however you can contribute or participate will make a difference for our children.

Fundraising through: Events & raffles; Voluntary Donations; EasyFunding; Sponsorship; Commercial deals; Gift Aid; Grants & Awards. Events including Christmas and Summer Fairs and Raffles, Bag2School Collections, Preloved Uniform sales, Dressing Up Costume Sales and Discos, for example, and there may will be other great ideas you have which we should do as well!

To Fund in collaboration with the School: Educational materials; Outdoor Learning Area; IT equipment; School Library, School Trips and Health & Wellbeing activities

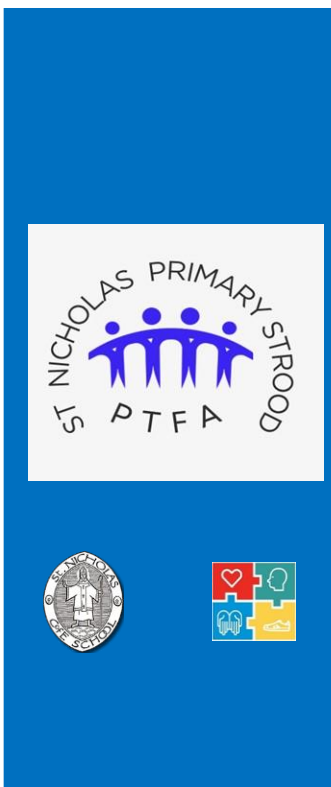
Next Steps

1. Continue to share information and our thoughts with you, the school and governors on plans to re-establish the PTFA and how you can be involved
2. Hold election for the 3 parent Trustee appointments for the PTFA Charity by end of the Summer Term. We will shortly send out details of what these roles entail and the appointment process. If you are interested in applying for these roles or have experience in PTFA, we encourage you to step forward.
3. New PTFA Committee once appointed will then start re-establishing the governance structures and engagement with School and Governors, sorting out PTFA communications such as email address, and developing plans for re-launching the PTFA in the Autumn Term.

If you have any question in the meantime, please email office@st-nicholas.medway.sch.uk and mark it for our attention. Alternatively please seek us out in the playground during School drop off or pick-ups.

Selina Moss-Davies, Natalie Parker & Brian Scott-Picton
Parent Volunteers helping re-establish PTFA for the benefit of all

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Re-establishing Parent Teacher Friends Association (PTFA) for St NicholasCoEPrimary School

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improve our children's education and school life experiences



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