



**ST MARK'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA**



**NEW PARENTS'
WELCOME PACK 2020**

WELCOME TO ST MARK'S

On behalf of the Parents and Teacher's Association (PTA) Committee, welcome to St Mark's! We are sure that, with your involvement and support, the time your children spend at St Mark's will be a happy and enriching one. It's a really wonderful nurturing school.

The St Mark's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a registered charity and its object is to enhance the education of the pupils in the school in a number of ways:

1. building closer relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school;
2. engaging in activities which support the school and advance the education of the pupils attending it; and
3. providing and helping to provide facilities or items for education at the school (not provided from statutory funds) that the Committee and Governing Body ask for.

Each year we raise funds which are then spent on a variety of projects. On average for the last few years we have raised approximately £14,000.

These are some of the things we have funded in recent years:

- Outdoor classroom
- Transport for the choir to attend young voices at the O2
- Key stage one (infants) playground markings
- Key stage one trim trail
- Key stage two (juniors) playground exercise equipment
- Safety in Action initiative for all Year 6 pupils.
- Funding to buy new books
- Magazine subscriptions

We also organised a book drive so that families could give books directly to the school.

Our larger events are the Christmas and Summer Fairs. These are great events for all the family to enjoy and they help raise the bulk of the funds for the PTA.

Our main project for the 2019/20 a contribution towards 30 ipads to increase the schools technology capability. In 2017/2018 was the KS1 trim trail, which your children will enjoy during their breaktimes. In the 2018/19 school year we funded the outdoor exercise equipment for the KS2 playground. Each year we work with Mr Bird to determine the next project.

The PTA is also about the sense of community so we want to do more than just raise funds. Events need to be fun for the children and parents alike, such as the school disco, leavers BBQ, music nights and quiz nights. All of this helps to build that important sense of community.

Every parent and teacher who is part of the school is automatically a part of this community. We welcome you to get involved as much or a little as you are able. Joining in PTA activities is a great way to get to know other parents and the staff and learn a little more about the school.

If you have any suggestions for helping to raise funds for the school the please let one of the committee members know or email secretarytn4@gmail.com.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There are lots of parents involved with the PTA and the current Committee Members are as follows:-

Position	Name	What do I do?
Chair	Laura Burden	I lead the committee, set the agenda and manage the PTA meetings. I also advise and organise events.
Vice Chair	Jo Leek	I support the Chair, manage meetings when the Chair cannot attend and help at events.
Secretary	Claire Gomez	I organise and record our PTA meetings, liaise with the school office, write newsletters, help organise events and try to keep everyone up to date with what is going on!
Treasurer	Babsi Lapwood	I manage the funds and provide information on how and where they're spent.
Active Members	Kellie Wort, Fe Moynihan Amanda Sheppard Caroline Tompkins Kim Sheppard Chloe Simmonds Sinead Roberts Sam Roberts Elaine Cole Vicky Frost Susie Holtham Clare law	We assist the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary with their tasks and help organise and run a variety of events including quizzes and the summer fair.

Please do feel free to speak to any of the Committee Members in the playground at any time to raise any PTA issues.



HOW TO CONTACT US

In addition to speaking to the Committee, there is a tray for correspondence to the PTA in the school office. You can also e-mail us on secretarytn4@gmail.com.

MINUTES/NEWSLETTERS

We all know and appreciate that it's sometimes difficult to attend evening meetings, but are very keen to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to find out what we're doing, is able to voice their opinions and ideas and to contribute their time and experience, if they wish. It's important to be involved with the PTA to help support the school and the children.

HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?

The PTA can always do with more help! There are lots of different ways you can help the PTA, whether you have lots of time or not. Some roles are time-consuming although also rewarding. If you cannot commit to a big job, look out for things you can do less frequently like running a stall at the Summer Fair or baking for a cake sale. You can also always support the PTA events by simply coming along.

WORK FOR A LARGE COMPANY?

Few people realise that many large employers (Sainsbury's, Boots, HSBC etc) offer match-funding schemes where they match the time you give or money you raise for the PTA.



IMPORTANT INFO AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2020 intake Facebook group

Each school year has its own Facebook group. We use these groups for informal parent to parent communications – reminders, questions. Search for:
“St Mark’s School TW 2020 in take”

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/280679192924557/>

NEW PARENTS MEET IN THE PARK

Quite often there is a social event to get everyone together. This year as we all know things are different. Please do get onto the facebook group and at the right time we will organise a social even to get everyone together.

Finally, may we wish you and your children a very warm welcome to St Marks.

Kind regards.

The PTA.

PTA MINUTES/NEWSLETTERS E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

Please complete and return this form to the school office so you can get PTA information by Parentmail.

Parent/Carer's Name

Child's Name Child's Class

1. I would like to receive copies of the PTA Newsletters by E-mail YES/NO
2. I would like to receive copies of the PTA Minutes by E-mail YES/NO
(Please delete as applicable)

My E-mail Address