

Parent Teacher Association Information Booklet

Welcome

A warm welcome to your PTA!

This booklet will provide you with some key information about the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) at Fairfield and how you can get involved.

The object of the PTA is to support the school in enhancing, enriching and improving the experiences for Fairfield children. We do this by raising money to contribute towards new projects (such as an art studio or playground equipment). We also aim to achieve this objective by fostering and strengthening the relationship between staff, parents and others associated with the school - bringing the communities of school and home closer together. Lastly, we're here for the simple reason that we want to get together socially, meet new people and have fun!

Please keep an eye out for the PTA section in the weekly @Fairfield Newsletter to keep up to date with PTA activity. We also issue a PTA Newsletter once a term via WEDUC (parent comms). Furthermore, events and initiatives may be advertised on the PTA noticeboard situated by the main school gate or via the various parent WhatsApp groups.

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Who We Are

The PTA is run by a Committee who are all volunteers. The Committee includes both parents and teachers. We meet formally once a term and also on an ad hoc basis when needed, particularly when organising events.

Chair: Jackie Nicholson Secretary: Darran Thacker Treasurer: Andrea Perez

What We Do

The PTA Committee arranges an array of events and initiatives throughout the year. For example we have organised school discos, movie nights, spectacular balls, canape evenings, coffee mornings and the Christmas fayre. There is typically a mix of events for families to attend, events for children and events for parents.

The global Covid-19 Pandemic has inevitably impacted our ability to run such events. However, we have remained busy running a Christmas raffle, creating personalised tea-towels with the children's self-portraits, and by publishing a school recipe book full of Fairfield family favourites.

We also run a Nearly New Uniform Shop which is situated in the White House at Fairfield and managed by PTA volunteers. We accept donated clothes and sell them at a fraction of the price of new. We have garments that are very good quality as some children grow out of things very quickly. We sell almost all items of uniform and operate a try at home service if required. Opening hours are Tuesday mornings, 8:15 - 9:15am.



School Disco



Golden Anniversary Ball



Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies



How We Spend Funds

We have played an integral part in setting up the Forest School, supplying them with their outdoor classroom and many learning materials. We have purchased iPad headphones, kindles, hockey kits and basketball nets. We present all Year 6 leavers with personalised hoodies as mementoes of their time here at Fairfield. PTA funds raised across the previous few years led to the opening of a newly refurbished art studio, 'The Parsons Studio,' in March 2020 to promote art and design technology. Last year we also contributed funds for trumpets as part of the Year 4 Brass scheme. All current PTA fundraising efforts are going towards new playground equipment for the children.



How To Get Involved

There are many ways to get involved with the PTA, from joining the Committee to supporting our events. We warmly welcome new committee members. How much you want to get involved is up to you; we have members who run events and others who simply attend the meetings and help to make decisions. New members can join the Committee at our AGM in the autumn term or our SGM in January.

If you are interested in joining the Committee or have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email on fairfield.pta@lsf.org.

We look forward to meeting you in due course!



Events Calendar Autumn Term 2021

Welcome Back Coffee Morning

Friday 10 September 8:45 - 10:15

Kindergarten Dining Hall

Please come along to our first coffee morning of the new academic year. PTA coffee mornings are free of charge and there is no need to book - just come along and enjoy a cuppa and a pastry on us! Pre school-age children are welcome and will be catered for with snacks and colouring. Our coffee mornings are a great opportunity to connect with other parents and meet friends old and new. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

New Families Picnic

Sunday 12 September 12.00 - 15:00

Beacon Hill Country Park

This event is open to all Kindergarten and Reception families and any other families new to the school and provides a great opportunity for you and your children to get to know fellow pupils, parents, and teachers. There will be a treasure hunt style activity for the children as they explore the woodland. There is also a large picnic area and field, so please bring along a picnic to enjoy on the day. Of course the whole family is welcome, the more the merrier!

PTA AGM

Thursday 23rd September 19.30 – 21.00

Eadon Hall and virtual

All parents are welcome to our Annual General Meeting. Come along and learn more about what we have been doing over the last year and our aims for the future. This is also an opportunity to join the Committee if you wish.

Christmas is Coming Fayre

Friday 26 November 16:30 - 19:00

Eadon Hall and Dining Hall

One of the most anticipated and popular PTA event of the school year. All of the family are welcome to enjoy games, festive craft activities, refreshment stalls, gift shopping and of course a visit to Santa's Grotto.

PTA Panto Trip

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De Montfort Hall, Leicester

We hope to organise a trip to see the pantomime Sleeping Beauty at De Montfort Hall. This is a lovely end of term treat for all the family.

