

RAVENSOTE JUNIOR SCHOOL

PTA NEWS - JANUARY 2024



What a cracking first term for the brand new PTA team! We held a brilliant ice-breaker disco, a fabulous fireworks night to remember and got loads of donations from you for Happy Bags. Thank you so much to everyone who organised, helped out, bought tickets or donated. It all goes towards giving our Purple People the best that Ravenscote can offer.

“What are the PTA funds used for?”

So many things! Over the years the PTA have funded the purchase of the Book Bus, paid for the school minibus that takes our kids to Purple Harmony events, local sports competitions and school trips. Also, the Genie Labs science events and brand-new data loggers for the science department and most recently the construction and resources for the Raven Haven.

“Wow, that’s a lot! What’s next?”

All of the computers in the ICT suite have had a good innings but are now groaning under the strain of what our kids need from them today. The school have submitted a fully costed request to fund all-new equipment that can keep up with our kids and offer them the best software and online resources available. We will also continue to kit out the Raven Haven with ‘forest school’ equipment and learning materials!

We also need a new second hand uniform storage facility on school premises so we can continue to offer you great quality uniform at a fraction of the retail price, whilst generating more money for the PTA funds.

“Sounds great - how do I get involved?”

The uniform storage facility is a one-off cost and so we are arranging a special “Express Yourself” mufti day this month to raise the money for it. Look out for more info in the newsletters and on the Ravenscote PTA Facebook page.

We’re also looking into organising a “Race Night” at school (grownups only!) in the Spring term. Then of course there is the Spring Disco in May and the spectacular Summer Blast in June. All funds raised will go towards the purchases above.

PTA Helpers

We always need helpers on the ground to make these events a success, and you don’t have to sign your life away to do it! Scan here to join the PTA Helpers WhatsApp group where we will send standalone requests and you can say ‘yay’ or ‘nay’ (or just ignore it!) depending on what you can do at the time. You can make it a nice family thing to do together and be great volunteer role models.



Join the PTA monthly meetings

All parents and carers are welcome to join the online PTA monthly meetings. In the meetings we do have a set agenda and we also share ideas and experiences which all help to shape and enrich the school experience for our children. The next meeting dates are:

Wednesday 10th January - 8-9pm
Wednesday 6th March – 8-9pm
Wednesday 8th May – 8-9pm
Wednesday 12th June – 8-9pm

Zoom joining instructions and the agenda are issued to parents and carers on or before the meeting date and you can just dial in if you're available.

PTA Committee Positions

Want to be considered for the PTA Committee? We have a number of positions available at the moment and it's a great way to meet people and support the school. Are you a project manager, finance assistant, event organiser or IT specialist? These are all examples of skills that would be fab to have more of on our PTA. It's only 2-3 hours per month including the monthly meeting and you would be putting your work skills to very good use where they will be gratefully received AND you will be helping even more to contribute to the high quality of our kids' education. Email in to admin@ravenscote-pta.org.uk for an informal chat about it.

Thanks to all of you for your support,

The PTA Committee

