

RAVENSOTE JUNIOR SCHOOL

PTA UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 2024



URGENT CALL FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR – PTA AT RISK OF CLOSURE

Email admin@ravenscote-pta.org.uk if you're interested in any/some of the following:

Roles

Chair:	VACANCY
Vice Chair:	VACANCY
Treasurer:	Position Filled!
Vice Treasurer:	VACANCY
Secretary:	Position Filled!
Vice Secretary:	VACANCY
Disco Coordinator (handover provided):	VACANCY
X and Facebook Group posting:	VACANCY
PTA website admin (training provided):	VACANCY
Grants and Funding explorer:	VACANCY
Email account Admin:	VACANCY
Marketing (poster designer):	More the merrier!
Event sponsorship finder:	VACANCY

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another school year begins, we can reflect on a really successful previous year full of new investments made by the teachers at Ravenscote, funded by the PTA:

- A brand new, fully loaded ICT suite – over 30 new computers which are already enhancing the quality of learning for all using the very latest software
- Sewing machines and equipment to be used in Design Technology projects, teaching them practical skills as well as better preparing them for the secondary education textiles lessons
- New cooking utensils to be used in cross-curricular learning including design, maths and nutrition as well as empowering children to develop important practical skills
- Data Loggers for the children to use in Science lessons, which bring their experiments and theories to life leading to better interaction and learning outcomes
- Minibus running costs and maintenance for events like Purple Harmony, theatre trips, etc
- The Raven Haven equipment, a great outdoor space for Forest School-type activities and general all-round fun!

We've put on some great events this year to help raise the funds – thank you so much to everyone who supported by buying tickets or volunteering. The Fireworks were spectacular as always, we held two ever-popular discos, an Express Yourself Day, uniform sales, Happy Bag collections, and the fantastic very first Outdoor Cinema event.

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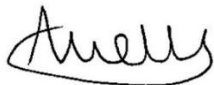
The PTA have achieved all this with only a small handful of committee members, too few to really maximise the revenue opportunities available, and we have struggled to get parent volunteers for events all year. This year, like the last **we are facing the real possibility of having to close the PTA as the minimum quorum threshold set by the Charity Commission will not be met** without new committee members filling vacancies being left by outgoing Year 6 parents.

Without a PTA, the biggest fundraiser in the calendar, the Fireworks night will not happen. There will be no discos or Summer Blast and the investments in equipment and experiences like the ones made this year will dry up.

The PTA Chair position will be vacant, as well as all Vice positions for Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. We also need help in organising events such as the discos going forward. If you could offer just 1-2 hours a month to attend the Committee meetings, or have a skill you could offer, please email admin@ravenscote-pta.org.uk.

All the teachers and the PTA agree – we make a great team!! We'd love you to join.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Wells', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Wells
Headteacher

Please be aware that some or all of the planned events for this year will NOT go ahead without your help!