



# PTA NEWSLETTER

October 2016

## YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU!

Hello everyone and thank you for your continued support, whether you're a veteran member of the PTA or a complete newbie.

As most of you will be aware, the PTA is going through a huge refurbishment at the moment, an extension in fact! And we need to ensure that we have the steelwork in place before the existing walls - that have stood the test of time - are unintentionally damaged or indeed fall down. Do we have your attention...? Great!

Lucy Moreton and I, Rachel Bowns, are two energetic and enthusiastic Mummies who originally met through our children starting school last year, and have since become great friends. If it wasn't swimming club we were bumping into each other, it was Gymnastics or Ashford High Street... And now our children are great friends too. Win, win for all!

For our next mission, we have joined PTA forces to Co-Chair this amazing Organisation, Association, Charity... whichever you feel most comfortable with calling it. However, in order for the whole wonderfulness that is the PTA to be successful, and to continue to run and offer all of our children all the lovely "extras" they get to enjoy and look forward to, we need many more active members of the PTA.

### **A couple of truths:**

We have just over 400 children at Ashford C of E, and approximately twice as many parents, carers and grandparents, yet around 20 active committee members of the PTA. Now that's not bad... any volunteers we're always grateful for BUT we think we can do better! And the more people that can become active members of the PTA, the less pressure there is on the small pool of people who continue to play their part.

Over the summer we have also had a few key members step down and active members leave as their children finish Primary School, or spend their final important year gearing up for Senior School. This means BIG gaps we need to fill with positive, dynamic and fresh new members - whether their journey is beginning at ACE or situations have changed and they can just spare a little bit of time to ensure that our PTA can carry on!

So please spread the word. Encourage other parents, bring a fellow parent-friend along to the next meeting, and tell them our exciting news... All of us would feel devastated if we lost this great addition to the school, if the Spring and Summer Fayres were no more, or if we couldn't raise the money needed for extra-special purchases for the school such as learn pads, library books and interactive whiteboards. The school simply could not afford to buy these items alone!

Whether it's attending discussions, handing out flyers, selling tickets or running a stall; we need people of all abilities, of all drives, and from all backgrounds. No job is too big or too small! A lot of us are working parents ourselves, so we all know it really is a manageable amount of volunteering we're seeking.

And if that isn't enough; tell them we are also VERY friendly, have some amazing fun, lots of good ideas for the year ahead, and often eat cake!

*"It's kind of fun to do the impossible"* – Walt Disney





## How to Contact Us

If you have any comments, questions, suggestions, feedback, offers of help or anything else you'd like to pass on to the PTA committee either catch us in the playground, leave a message in the school office or

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