

# NORTH SOMERCOTES CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

## Guide to the PTA

### WHO ARE THE PTA?

The PTA are a group of volunteers who work closely with the school to provide support primarily by fundraising. This could be parents, teachers, grandparents, extended family, friends or staff members.

### WHAT IS THE PTA?

PTA stands for Parent-Teacher Association. It is an excellent way to bring together parents, teachers and the local community to raise money and to support the school. The money raised is used in many ways such as to maintain the school swimming pool, fund theatre workshops and pantomime trips, purchase new learning resources such as library books and equipment needed for the classrooms including the learning kitchen, play equipment and sportswear.

### WHY DO WE NEED A PTA?

The PTA is crucial to a schools smooth running. Through its various activities we can:

- Ensure that our children receive the best education
- Improve resources available
- Improve children's experience of education
- Encourage parent involvement
- Give parents/caregivers a voice within the school
- Assist the school with fundraising

### WHERE AND WHEN DO THE PTA MEET?

Currently the PTA meet on a termly basis to discuss and organise upcoming events. As the events approach there may be additional meetings or discussions to finalise details. Currently the meetings are held at 3.30pm at school. The children are invited to use the library facilities whilst the meeting takes place.

***How can you help.....***your help can be as little or as much as you can offer. You do not have to be responsible for running an entire event nor do you have to attend every meeting.

***Your help could include.....***donating a raffle prize, baking a cake, selling raffle tickets, supervising activities, serving food or drinks, helping set up or tidy away.....the list is endless. Suggestions for new activities or events are always welcome.



Visit our facebook page for information on upcoming events and to share fundraising ideas – NORTH SOMERCOTES PRIMARY PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (PTA)