



# PFA e-news

## Parents & Friends Association

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### A big welcome back to the new academic year to all, and especially to those new families who are joining the school for the first time.



For the benefit of new families particularly, we felt it'd be a good time to introduce the PFA, which stands for the Parents and Friends Association (known as PTA's in other schools) and let you know what we are all about and what you can expect if you want to get involved. We know that trying to inform every one of what the PFA does is a continual challenge, which is why this year we have introduced this new termly PFA newsletter.

Every year a new committee is selected and this year is no different, with me moving from the deputy position last year into the Chair role for the first time. We also have some new faces on the committee this year, bringing a new feel and hopefully some fresh ideas and new events for both the children and parents alike throughout the academic year. The first of these will be our first family games night towards the end of this month. Full details and how to reserve your places will follow soon. We are very lucky that our children are already well catered for here at Scarisbrick Hall School, but our purpose on the PFA is to give them that little bit more. We work to fundraise for additional items that school, in consultation with the PFA, feel would enhance and enrich our children's education or learning environment across all year groups. We have funded a diverse range of items over the last few years, with details of recent fundraising activity in the fundraising section.

I look forward to meeting some of you at this months meeting and lots more of you over the year. Please remember I am happy to help in any way I can throughout the year. Let's make this year our best fundraising year yet!

Best Regards

*Michelle*

**1**

£ 5,500

RAISED LAST YEAR

A HUGE thank you to everyone!

**2**

THIS YEARS TARGET IS AN AMBITIOUS

£ 10,000

**3**

SALS SHOES

You collected **105** pairs of shoes and they are on their way to disadvantaged children around the world!

THANK YOU!



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**APPEAL for**  
Prizes for the  
Family Games  
Night. Any prizes  
welcomed -  
please leave at  
school office.

**APPEAL for**  
any out grown  
uniforms for  
'Pre-Loved Sale.'  
Please leave  
donations at  
school office.

## Scarisbrick Hall School Parents & Friends Association has a packed term full of fun events for you to get involved in.

Whether your child is brand new to the school or returning for their final years there's never been a better time to get involved with your PFA. We are always looking for new parents, grandparents or extended family & friends to get involved with meetings and events. We know everyone leads busy lives and we are not asking that you help out at every event or attend every meeting, but if you could volunteer just one or two hours of your time across the whole year it really would make a difference, meaning we could offer a more comprehensive programme of events for both our children and parents, ultimately leading to more funds going back into all of our children. For the first time this year we are also looking at running a Summer Spectacular with a *Victorian Style Summer Fayre* in our beautiful school grounds, but we need volunteers to make this a reality. Volunteering is also a great way to get to know other families in the school and I promise we are a friendly bunch from a real mix of backgrounds. We know not everyone can make PFA meetings in school hours, so for the first time we are running an evening PFA meeting as a trial next half term to see if this helps new parents get involved, as well as increasing our presence on social media, so people can stay in touch whenever is convenient to them.

***"A few hours volunteering a term can help make each event successful, and help raise funds for our school and pupils"***



### 2019 PFA Fundraising Goals

Last year the PFA purchased £2,200 worth of new robotics equipment for middle school for use in their coding lessons, and have recently funded the creation of a new Long Jump Pit on the front field. We are currently in the process of buying £5,000 worth of additional portable flood lights to allow more E3 activities to be offered by the PE department over the winter months, as well as funding the installation of a new £600 drinking fountain to be located near to middle school. This year we are hoping to surpass previous years and



set an ambitious target of £10,000. We are currently in discussion with Mr Shaw about what the funds we raise this year could be used for, but always welcome suggestions.



### WELCOME TO NEW SCHOOL PARENTS, COME & GET INVOLVED!

Meet the team, meet other parents, help out ad hoc or regularly at school events and raise funds for our lovely school. Volunteering is a great way to get involved in school life of your children whilst helping fund extra supplies and equipment!

More info on joining us on the next page...



# PFA Volunteering

Come for taster event, volunteer as little or as much time as you can spare, *you'll always be welcome at PFA.*

Come along to the first PFA meeting of the year, and see what its all about - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 8.30am after school drop off, sign in at reception. Tea/Coffee and delicious SHS biscuits!

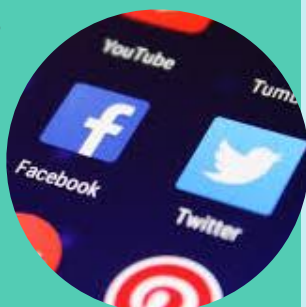
Informal and friendly, the PFA will welcome you, and your time helps raise funds for lots of exciting extras for the school and your children.



## SOCIAL MEDIA LAUNCH

An hour to spare here and there? We're looking for an IT and/or social media volunteer to revitalise our Facebook and other communications.

Email us or message us via Facebook, or pop along to a PFA meeting!

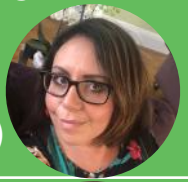


# MEET THE PFA TEAM!

New committee members 2019

**Chair** – Michelle Ball

(Max in year 2, Theo in baby room, nursery)



**Deputy Chair** – Nicola Jackson

(Elliot in year 8, Clara in Year 2)



**Vice Chair** – Chrissie Burness

(Bessie in year 7, Alan in year 5, Billy in Reception)



**Treasurer** – Samantha Chatham

(Brooklyn in year 2)



**Cashier** – Kelly Nichol

(Matilda in year 2)



**Communications** – Jacquelyn Frith-Crofts

(Joseph in year 1)



**Support Committee Member** -

Lorraine Prescott (Myles In Year 1)



**Secretary** – role still to be filled



## - JOIN US! -

We welcome parents from other year groups, especially older year groups, to represent the whole school.

Whether you would like to volunteer occasionally or regularly, you'd participate in fundraising for your child's school. Please email, message us through Facebook or come to a PFA meeting - see the Autumn Event Planner for dates.

# Autumn Term Event Planner

September	October	November	December
<p><b>Thursday 26th</b> PFA meeting</p> <p><b>8.30am</b> after school drop off, sign in at reception. <i>Safeguarding hour follows.</i> New volunteers welcome! Tea/Coffee/biscuits served</p>		<p><b>Friday 1st</b> Spooktacular</p> <p>3.30-5pm Spooky costumes essential! Year 4 - Year 8 <b>Booking opens soon, £4 *</b></p>	<p><b>Mon- Fri 2nd - 6th</b> Christmas Shop</p> <p>Christmas gifts for everyone, from pocket money upwards Gift wrapping included.</p> 
<p><b>Friday 27th</b> Make a Cuppa Count Coffee morning &amp; Pre-Loved uniform sale</p> <p>8.30 - 11am</p> 	<p><b>Thursday 10th</b> Spooky Disco</p> <p>Reception - Year 3 Wear your spookiest costume! Snacks and facepainting included 4- 5.30pm <b>Booking opens soon £8 *</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 21st</b> PFA meeting</p> <p><b>6pm</b> Sign in at reception. New volunteers welcome! Tea/Coffee/biscuits served</p>	<p><b>Friday 6th*</b> Polar Express Pyjama Party</p> <p>Reindeer food making, Santa letter writing, Christmas Story with Xmas refreshments Followed by the magical film; <i>The Polar Express.</i> Each child will receive a magical Polar Express 'bell' <b>Full details soon *</b></p> 
<p><b>Friday 27th</b> Family Games Night</p> <p>Sharing platters and kids snack boxes. Quizzes and games and a lot of fun, for all the family! 6.30 - 8.30pm <b>Booking now open</b> <b>£20 adult /£10 child *</b></p>	 <p><i>Happy Autumn!</i></p> <p><b>HALF TERM</b> 12<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 27th</b> Christmas Wreath Workshop</p> <p>Make your own Christmas wreath from scratch with all the trimmings. - Festive refreshments included. <b>Booking opens soon, £30 *</b></p>	<p><b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b></p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><i>Merry Christmas Everyone from PFA!</i></p>

\* Booking necessary

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Feedback, ideas, suggestions and involvement always welcome!