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PTA

It's that time of year when we hold our AGM for the PTA. I would like to say a huge thank you to the current committee for their hard work, time and efforts over the past year.

The PTA have helped raise money which have bought reading books to update our reading scheme, paid for events such as Freddy Fit and given each class an allocation of money so lots of 'extras' can be bought to enhance the curriculum and help bring learning to life.

At the AGM the positions of Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer are elected. Anyone can be nominated for these posts, including those already holding the role. The Chair and Vice Chair are responsible for leading the PTA meetings and managing the overall organisation of the committee. They DO NOT have to organise everything! We are looking to move towards a model where other committee members may take a lead in organising a particular event e.g. discos, fairs, family evenings, film nights etc No-one has time to do it all!

We need a secretary to take very brief minutes of the meetings and to take a role in helping publicise events - an ability to create a poster and use the photocopier is all that is needed.

The treasurer needs to be someone who ideally has a bit of financial background and has the ability to manage the PTA account and report back to the committee with spending and balance updates.

If you are interested in any of the above roles, please complete the attached form and ask someone to nominate you. Completed forms should be returned to the school office. If more than one person stands for a position, voting will take place at the AGM on ballot forms.

We are also looking for new committee members to join us - your role will be to attend meetings and contribute to ideas and the organisation of events. If you are interested in this, please indicate on the form along with your contact details.

Don't want to commit to committee meetings but willing to help out at events? Please leave your details on the form so the PTA can contact you nearer the time.

Please return the nomination/details form to the school office by next Friday (2nd October)

The AGM will be held at 3.30pm on Monday 5th October. Please come if you can!!



Individual Photos

Individual photos will be taken next Friday. We will take families together unless you advise us otherwise. Some parents prefer children in school uniform for their photos, others prefer own clothes. For this reason we are leaving it up to you to decide which you prefer - please send your children to school dressed as you would like them in the photograph.

Flu Immunisations

The government have put into place a flu immunisation programme for all children in Years 1 and 2. This will be run in school by medically trained professionals. All children this concerns will have received information a few days ago. Immunisation will only take place with parental consent, so please ensure you return the form to school by 28th September.

Parking

Yet again, we are having problems with parents parking in the school car park at pick up time. Can I remind everyone that only taxis for our children and Blue Badge holders can come into the car park. I have asked Mr Bebb to close the school gate at home time to ensure the car park is only used by these people. Please show your Blue Badge to Mr Bebb if you have one and if not, please park elsewhere. Thank you.

School Applications

Please be aware of the closing dates for applying to schools:

High School:	31st October 2015
Primary School:	15th Jan 2016
Nursery:	31st March 2016

Refugee collections

Wow - what an amazing effort was made this time last week for our collections. So many high quality, warm and essential items were sent in. Thank you



so much for your generosity and thanks also to those who gave up their time to sort and organise the collection.

Macmillan

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Macmillan coffee morning today. It is always a special community event that we all look forward to. Thanks for the donated cakes - a lovely Friday treat.



Robinwood

We will be holding an information session for both parents and children about the upcoming residential trip to Robinwood. This will give you chance to meet the staff who are going and ask any questions you may have. Please join us on Thursday 8th October at 3.30pm.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

