

# Welcome

## To Thurlaston Church of England Primary School PTA



Dear new parents and carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your family to Thurlaston Church of England Primary School and tell you a little bit about the Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The PTA, aims to raise money for the school for the purchase of additional resources and equipment which support the learning experiences of our children. In addition to this fundraising we also run a number of social events which we hope enhance their overall experience of the school.

As a new parent to the school you are automatically a member of the PTA and we would welcome all of you to join us at our meetings. There are a number of ways in which you can get involved; you can choose to join the committee and take an active role in the planning and organising of fundraising activities and events, you can choose to just pop in to the meetings from time to time to share any good ideas, or you can support us by volunteering to help out at events by giving up your time or supplying us with products to sell such as cakes and jams etc. The Committee meet on the first Monday of the month in the local pub, the Elephant and Castle at 6.20pm, this coincides with a children's club called Monday Club which is run by Thurlaston Chapel which starts at 6.15pm and ends at 7.45pm. All children who go to the school are able to attend Monday Club and this obviously means mums and dads are free to meet for the PTA meetings.

Mr Beetham takes an active interest in the PTA and is always on hand to advise and guide us, and the teachers all take it in turns to attend our monthly meetings.

We hold a variety of fundraising events throughout the year including school discos, Christmas bazaar, raffles, sponsored walk to name a few and we have a stall at the Thurlaston Summer Carnival. These events bring the school community together and are enjoyed by all who attend.

In the past we have used the money raised to purchase digital cameras, reading books, musical instruments, e-readers, interactive TV's and most recently we have made a £10K donation towards the purchase of touch screen computers. In addition to this we fund regular events for the children like the KS1 Christmas Party and the coach for the KS2 trip to the pantomime. All of these activities take lots of planning and more importantly volunteers!

If you are interested in joining us or you just want to find out more, please fill out your details below and we will contact you.

I hope to meet you soon!

Kerry Bonham

Chair of the PTA

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I/We would like to join the PTA:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Childs name/class \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile No \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Skills I can offer (catering, baking, Christmas party....)