

URGENT NOTICE FROM THE PTA

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to the parents who came along to the PTA AGM on Monday evening. **Sadly there were so few people we have not yet been able to form a full committee of TEN.** If you would like to be part of the PTA Committee, please do get in touch.

We have the following vacancies:

- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Committee Member
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As a PTA Committee member, we ask that you attend our half termly meetings, where we discuss upcoming events and what needs to be done to make them happen. More importantly, as a committee member, you are a Trustee of a charity and you have a say in how we allocate PTA funding to our school. **All the money we raise goes towards supporting our school and therefore supporting our children's education.** It is not just about discos and fairs!

Whilst any parent at the school can make a request for the PTA to fund something that the school needs, the Committee have the final say on what will actually be funded. So for those of you who wish to see the school better funded in a particular area, e.g. music, art, sport, maths, then this is a way that you can help direct funding to those areas.



In recent years, we have raised enough money to fund **a school library** (a resource library for the teachers) which Edmund Waller did not have two years ago. The PTA have funded the **end of year school show and Year 6 Opera** (which cannot happen without our funding), **educational visits, toys for Nursery & Reception classes, fake grass to make parts of the Nursery usable all year, playground toys for whole school, clocks for the playground, repaired the tree walk & other playground fixtures**, funded **Gardening Club**. The PTA funds **First News newspaper**, which is a great resource in the classroom from year 2 upwards, as well as the **Pantomime** which the children love every year. We have also worked very hard to raise enough money for a **new climbing frame**, which we hope will be chosen and installed early this year.



Already this year the school have asked us to fund lots more to help support our children and ensure they have a great learning experience at Edmund Waller. **Without a PTA Committee we do not have enough people to organise the events that so many of our children enjoy. Being a PTA Committee member is not a full time job, it is not even a part time job, but it does involve a few hours of your time each term**, sometimes more when we do not have enough people helping in advance of events.

Many of our long-term committee members have now "retired." Their commitment has been amazing over these last few years and without parents' help we would not be able to create such fantastic events to raise money, which is then donated to our school to support our children. As a result, we now need more parents to volunteer to join the Committee. **Can you commit to help for one year?**

Please email me if you are interested and/or would like more information. (paulaflack55@gmail.com)

Thank you

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