



# Knowsley Village Primary School P.T.F.A

## WELCOME TO KNOWSLEY VILLAGE PTFA.

This information has been created by our PTFA especially for parents of children joining our school community and for those who don't know much about what the PTFA is or does. We realise it can be a little nerve-wracking starting at a new school and there always seems to be so many questions to ask. This leaflet aims to provide you with information about our Parent Teacher Friends Association which forms a major part of school life.

If you have any questions that remain unanswered or you would like to get involved please contact one of the committee members or see Ms Price (Y4/5 teacher).

We are very fortunate to have a PTFA that is, and has been, such an integral part of the school community for many years. In its time, the PTFA has raised thousands of pounds which have been spent on improving equipment and resources to enhance our children's education and the facilities in school in general. The emphasis of our PTFA is on being friendly and welcoming, as well as having fun.

### How do we raise money?

Like most PTFA's the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Some of our most popular events are the Community Day, Toast each Friday, Movie Night and Breakfast with Santa, to name just a few.

Other activities that we have organised this year include the 50/50 Club (you've got to be in, to win!), refreshments and raffles for Parents Evening and bake a cake day.

We're also always open to new ideas!

Donations from parents - of time, money, items for sale, raffle prizes or services and skills - are what determine the success of our fundraising activities. Even small donations make a big difference to us.

We're always on the lookout for other good fundraising ideas too, so be sure to let us know if you have any suggestions - just contact Ms Price or come along to a meeting.

### The Committee and our meetings.

Our PTFA committee is made up of parents and teachers. We currently have 4 elected parents holding committee positions. Members of the PTFA give their time voluntarily for the benefit of every child in the school. All parents and members of the school community can get involved if they want to, even if they only have a small amount of time available and all parents are automatically members of the Association when their children join our school.

The PTFA meet on a regular basis, usually once per half term. Any parent is welcome at PTFA meetings and we are particularly keen to meet new parents. Meeting dates are advertised in the school on the notice boards and via the school website/book bag routes. They usually take place in the school at 3.30pm in the Year 5/6 classroom, with childcare facilities available in the Year 4/5 classroom. Our Annual General Meeting is held at the start of the academic year and this is an opportunity to come along and hear in more depth about events we run, funds raised and how the money is to be spent or has been spent. We also elect our new committee at this meeting.

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## How do we get information to you?

All PTFA letters are sent home either via your child's book bag or on the school website. We aim to distribute a PTFA newsletter every term.

## Community Links.

We have, over time, developed strong links with the local community and are always well supported by both residents and businesses. Many of our local shops and businesses are very generous in their donations of raffle prizes and funds and provide invaluable support, particularly at our Community Day. We are extremely grateful to these community members as they make a huge difference to our fundraising efforts. If you think your workplace could offer us time, services or raffle items please do let us know.

## How do we spend the money we have raised?

Decisions on what items are to be purchased from PTFA funds are made during PTFA meetings and linked to the School Development Plan. We always endeavour to spend our funds in ways that will benefit all our children across all areas of the school and curriculum.

The PTFA does have ongoing commitments every year such as autograph books for Year 6 children. We also save up for larger projects such as purchasing large playground equipment.

## Just one hour.

There are lots of ways you can help and support your child through the PTFA. Offering to help before events or at other times during the year is so valuable. It doesn't matter if you can't help on a regular basis or even if you can't come into school. There are always little jobs that can be done from home if you have half an hour to spare e.g. wrapping gifts, preparing raffle tickets etc. We really couldn't achieve what we do without the unseen army of help that exists in school.

You can of course, if you feel able, volunteer to be a Committee Member or you can simply come along to the meetings and give us your ideas for fundraising. You can help by letting us know if you have any contacts or skills we could use - everything is potentially valuable to us.

## Committee

Chair: Kelly McDevitt

Vice Chair: Kerrie Grimes

Minutes/Correspondence Secretary: Lindsey Seddon

Treasurer: Pat Young

50/50 Club and PTFA teacher liaison: Ms Price

Thank you for taking the time to read our information. We hope you now know a little more about your PTFA. On behalf of all the children we would like to thank you for your invaluable support which enriches the learning experiences and makes their time in school so enjoyable.

Every year we need new parents to join the PTFA, so if you'd like to get involved in any way, please contact us either through the school or come along to a meeting.

Best Wishes and we look forward to meeting you at our events,  
from the PTFA Committee.

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