



We would like to offer you a warm welcome to our school.

This flyer is to introduce you, as a family within our school community, to Chillerton and Rookley Primary School Parent Teacher & Friends Association (PTFA)

## **Why do we have a PTFA?**

We are very fortunate at our school to have a PTFA that is and has been such an integral part of the school community for many years. Thousands of pounds have been raised, which have been spent on improving equipment and resources to enhance our children's education and the facilities in school.

Our PTFA is about much more than just fund raising. It also supports closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. It is fun too – as we are sure you will find out if you join us at one of the varied events throughout the school year. All parents automatically become members of the PTFA when their children join our school. Parents and members of the school community get involved in a variety of different ways, even if they only have a small amount of time available.

The PTFA is extremely conscious of the school ethos and morals, we try to respect this when organising events, not all are run as fund raisers; for example, at Christmas our children's parties are run simply with the aim of giving the children a good time.

## **Role of the Committee**

Our PTFA committee consists of a number of parents and staff, of which 3 hold the positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. No members are paid they do everything voluntarily for the benefit of every child in school. The committee meet regularly once a half term, with smaller working groups meeting as necessary to organise the larger events.

If you are interested in joining the committee please speak to Chrisa Debenham-Smith (Chair) or email

[chillertonptfa@gmail.com](mailto:chillertonptfa@gmail.com)

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our AGM is held at the beginning of the academic year and this is the opportunity for parents to come along and hear more about events run, funds raised and how money has been spent. We also elect our committee at this meeting.

## **How We Raise Money**

Like most PTFA's, the majority of our funds are raised through events, some of our most popular events are the Christmas Fair, Easter Egg rolling and Summer Fair.

Donations are extremely important to making these events as successful as possible. This could be time, money, items for sale, raffle prizes or offers of service or skills. We have links with the local community and are generally well supported by both residents and businesses which we are very grateful.

We are always open to new ideas and fund raising opportunities, as a small school we need as much support as possible. If you know of any local business or organisation that could support our school in any way please get in touch.

## **How We Spend the Money We Raise**

Funds are banked straight away and the decision on how to spend the money is made at the PTFA meetings.

In the main the PTFA funds are for the "extras" that unfortunately cannot be provided by the school budget; items that make our children's learning and social experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting.

In the past we have provided items such as toys, games, coach trips, football goals, computer equipment and preschool resources. Each class is also allocated £25 per term to spend on whatever they like.

## **How We Get Information to You**

Our brand new notice board will be kept up to date with news and events, the school newsletter will let you know if any help is needed, we also regularly give out flyers in school for the children to bring home.

## **How Can You Get Involved?**

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 really is a case of "many hands make light work". 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 small jobs that can be done from home (wrapping gifts, baking, calling for donations)

We really couldn't achieve what we do without the behind the scenes extra help; you can of course if you feel able, volunteer as a committee member or simply support the AGM and give us your ideas.

We hope that this information is useful and has given you an insight into the PTFA and how you can be of much needed help. On behalf of the children we would like to thank you in advance for your support.

From all the PTFA Committee.