

A warm hello and welcome back after the summer holidays both to new and existing Norley School families. We arrive back in school to another jam-packed fun-filled term and the committee look forwards to working alongside you as we raise funds and make friends. With your support it is sure to be another fantastic year.

Fundraising Focus 2018

This year's fundraising focus is on improving the school library situated in the foyer. The view is to make it more inviting with brand new furniture as well as freshening up the books themselves.

We open the year in a strong position and with help from our school family we should have an amazing resource by year end. Details of our accounts will be discussed at this year's AGM (more details following below)

Norley Show

To tie up last academic year, The Norley Show was a big success helped along no doubt by the good weather. It was wonderful to see so many children fundraising with their own stalls and getting involved creatively with exhibits. We would like to send our congratulations to Alice Thompson, Elizabeth White and Scarlett Jones for coming top of their age groups. The PTFA would like to thank everyone who donated their time and toys to the Nearly New Toy stall and stocks. *We were able to raise £172!* All remaining toys have been donated to charity and the books have been taken to school to see if they can be used in the library and children's reading boxes.

Welcome Picnic

As previously mentioned there will be a picnic on Saturday September 15th, to meet at 11:00 am at the back Whitefield car park (where the forestry commission Xmas tree / Santa grotto is located). This will be a nature walk in Delamere forest followed by a picnic lunch. All families are welcome; the event is free but please bring your own picnic lunch. Our hope is that our new reception class children and parents can come along and our existing families too, to welcome our wonderful reception class families to the wider school. If you are coming could you please text Cally on 07708 326068 before the day just so that should bad weather necessitate cancellation or a change in route, I can contact attendees to keep them informed

Our AGM is to be held at 7pm, Thursday 20th September in the School Hall.

Every parent is automatically a member of the PTFA simply by having a child in the school. The PTFA has a meeting every term. Please come along and be involved in our organisation, even if this is the only meeting you can attend in the school year. Your opinion matters but unless you come along and vote, your voice will not be counted. We hope to keep this meeting as short as possible and hope to be wrapped up by 9pm; once dates, activities and relevant facts are decided, more detailed discussion can then go ahead via email/whatsapp/over a glass of wine at a later date.

Please send your apologies to the committee – if you cannot attend but have something you wish to raise at the meeting please let us know.

Every year the committee is required to gain support from members and must be re-elected. For 2018-2019 the committee would like to continue in their roles, however we are required by law to allow any interested parties a fair chance at election. Therefore should you wish to run for Chair, Secretary or Treasurer, please send your expression of interest to norleyschoolparents@outlook.com and we can provide you with details. The vote will take place at the PTFA AGM. Please register interest by the end of the week.

Spooky Disco

This year's spooky disco will be held on the 25th October before we break up for half term so get planning your costumes! We are hoping for the event to be just as much of a success as last year. This event could not be possible without the volunteering of parents as chaperones, drink servers, game players, room dressers and clearers. We look forward to as many people volunteering as last year and thank you in advance. Letters will be sent out closer to the time with details and a section at the bottom asking where you can help. The pumpkin competition was such a hit last year that we will be repeating it again.



Quiz Night

Last year the school and PTFA joined forces to run a quiz night raising money towards the log cabin classroom. It was a huge success and teams included parents, relatives, teachers and the wider village committee too. The event raised over £600! Attendees had such a good time that they begged us to repeat the event... and who are we to refuse? This year the "School theme" of the evening will be bigger and better. Watch out for the quiz letter that will contain all the information about the event. A quick response entering your team is strongly recommended as space is limited and gets filled up quickly! We will have space for about 10 tables and each table can house a large team of up to 8 or two smaller teams.

Here's to another successful year!

Cally Littler – Chair

Kell White – Secretary

Laura Baglole - Treasurer