

PTA newsletter: Autumn Term 2017

Welcome to the start of the new year! We hope you have all had a good summer break.

A successful year.

Thanks to the hard work of our dedicated Lord Deramore's community we raised over £4500 last year, with events ranging from Miss Smith's fabulous bingo night, through dancing at discos and scrummy cakes in bake-offs, to the forever festive Christmas fair. This has allowed the PTA to fund over £1500 worth of additional learning packages for the school from Sing-Up to Athletics. It has also continued to pay for the watercoolers in school and provide money to help fund the outdoor week that is such a special and unique part of our children's' education experience here at Lord Deramore's.

In addition to this you raised over £3000 to create a sensory room in memory of Mrs Powley's time at the school. An incredible feat - well done!

What next?

This year the PTA are moving its focus to the outside spaces in the school. Miss Smith is again planning her Big Bingo Extravaganza to fund playground equipment and we are hoping to be able to help subsidise a theatre event for the students for Christmas. Mr Rourke is planning to don his quizmaster hat for a fun, adults only quiz and curry evening in January and we will be gearing up for the Christmas fair. Dates for events and planning meetings will be available soon, watch this space!

The AGM – Monday 2nd October

Before all that can start though we have the AGM (annual general meeting) where the committee for the next year will be elected into office and the focus for the year will be decided.

This is a great opportunity to come along, meet the team that have been working tirelessly for your school this year and see how **YOU** can get more involved in the future. Whatever your strength – we need you! It is also a good time to make suggestions for events or projects you would like to see our school get involved in.

There will be an official invitation to the AGM coming home with your child in the next few days.

The PTA (Parent and teacher association)

Every parent, carer and member of staff is automatically a member of Lord Deramore's PTA, but in order to get things done and to run as an official organisation it needs a committee with at least an elected Chair and Treasurer. Without these posts filled the organisation cannot run events or fundraise for the school.

Attached are job descriptions for the official positions on the committee (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) and also for Class Rep, as published by the national body, PTA-UK. However, in reality, our PTA has always run a little less formally than these descriptions suggest, so do not be put off. We work as a team and, as long as we have a named Chair and Treasurer, we can continue to function in this way, with meetings only when required, usually to plan specific events.

Wherever you see yourself in our community, whether it be as an ordinary member or on the committee, it would be great to see you at the AGM with ideas for events, where we should focus the money we raise or simply how to build our community and make sure everyone feels part of it.

We look forward to seeing you from **7pm on Monday 2nd October in the hall**. There will be refreshments provided.

Who to Contact

- Email to: lordderamorespta@yahoo.co.uk
- Or talk to Karen van der Zee or Eszter Ungar in the playground