



# PTA Welcome Newsletter

September 2018

## Welcome to Burton Joyce Primary School!

### WHO ARE WE?

If you're not really sure what the PTA is all about or what we do, then read on! We're a far cry from the 'PTA-mom' (or dad!) stereotype – there's no pressure to spend time you don't have or get involved in things you don't want to. Most (although not all) of us work in a range of jobs, some like the spotlight, others are happier behind the scenes. The one thing we all have in common is our willingness and enthusiasm to work together for the benefit of the whole school. (And our love of a meeting held in the pub ☺)

### WHAT DO WE DO?

From baking to bag packing, quiz nights to the Christmas Fair, our fundraising efforts take many forms. Thanks to hard work from volunteers and support from the school, parents and the local community, we have raised tens of thousands of pounds over the past few years.

Our efforts have bought smart boards for every classroom, extra iPads and accessories, re-turfed the playing field, installed an all-weather surface under the large play equipment, moved and re-stocked the library, financed new play things in the KS1 playground and more. They are all things that the school just wouldn't be able to afford to provide if it wasn't for these additional funds.



We always need volunteers throughout the year, both in front and behind the scenes. Could you give up a few hours to help plan and organize events and maximise our fundraising? **You can be involved as much or as little as you want!**

We meet about once every half term but if you can't make meetings perhaps you could support us in other ways: helping with admin or paperwork, producing artwork or posters for events, bringing another skill – finance, marketing etc or introducing some fresh ideas. Maybe the place you work could donate a raffle prize or offers match funding?

If you'd like to meet other parents, get more involved with the school and give something back then please come along. If you can't attend the meeting yet would like to be involved, e-mail us on [bjpta@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk](mailto:bjpta@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk) with your contact details and we will be in touch.



#### Preloved uniform sale – 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 3.30pm

Find us outside the foundation classroom and stock up on anything you forgot or have lost already! Items start from just 50p.

#### PTA meeting & AGM – 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 7.45pm

Join us in the school hall and find out about who we are and what we do.

#### Toy & book sale - 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.30pm

Browse our selection of preloved toys and books and pick up a pre-Christmas bargain!

#### Halloween Disco - 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct

There will be two, both after school – Foundation & KS1 and KS2. Fancy dress encouraged, volunteers required!

#### Christmas Fair - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 1pm

More details to follow but put the date in your diary!



## THE SECRET PTA HELPER

...giving you the behind the scenes reality of volunteering

 Don't forget we're on Facebook!

[www.facebook.com/BurtonJoycePrimarySchoolPTA](http://www.facebook.com/BurtonJoycePrimarySchoolPTA)

Like us to stay up to date with news & events

### “What’s it really all about?”

Last year I decided to join the PTA.

The school is always looking for more people to join – surely it couldn't be as bad as the stereotypes – could it?

This is what I found:

- ☺ The PTA is actually full of pretty normal people! I know, who would have thought it?! Normal people like me trying to juggle school requests, hold down a busy job, ferry children about and maintain family life – not a competitive ‘mom’ amongst them. (In fact, they're not all mums either – there's a dad too!)
- ☺ Nobody has to do anything they don't want to. Everyone is busy and just spares the time they can, even when it comes to attending meetings.
- ☺ It's a great way of meeting parents from other years – very helpful when it comes to sourcing fancy dress!
- ☺ There is a real team spirit and sense of pride in what's achieved which is a great feeling.
- ☺ In my son's eyes, being on the PTA is akin to being a super hero. Apparently, I'm cool at last!

**I know that the PTA will be looking for people to help in September and I'd wholeheartedly recommend joining!**

### GOOD TO KNOW...

You can **contact the PTA** via the post box in the school office, on e-mail at [bjpta@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk](mailto:bjpta@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk), through our Facebook page or by grabbing one of us (see right!) in the playground!

We hold regular **pre-loved uniform sales**, which is a great way for you to save some money and also find a home for any items your child has grown out of. (Leave any donations in the school reception)

We welcome **donations of any of the following** for the school fairs: Books and DVDs, nearly new toys and games, soft toys (for our very popular teddy tombola) and unwanted gifts / toiletries etc for the tombola. Please leave in the collection area in the school reception.

This term you will have the opportunity to buy **Christmas cards** featuring your children's artwork. Look out for information coming home in school bags next month.

We always need **raffle and tombola prizes**. Unwanted gifts are often perfect or maybe you work for a company that could donate something suitable.

**Match funding** is a really easy way for us to boost our fundraising efforts. If you work for a company that offer this or anything similar please let us know.

### MEET YOUR KSI PTA REPS



Kate Bateson



Wayne Robinson



Laura Hughes



Lorna Marsh



Kerri Kirk

### Chair & Vice-chair



Sarah Allen



Niamh Pearce

*...why not come and join us and be a part of this year's fundraising success story!*