



ELM ACADEMY PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

where all our children come first



May 2017 Newsletter

We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part in the Easter activities. You helped us raise...

£376.58

Dates for your diary

Thursday 25th May

Adult only Quiz Night

Thursday 15th June

Kids School Disco's

Friday 14th July

Summer Fair



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Volunteers Needed

We need some volunteers to help with our upcoming Quiz Night; setting up, clearing away and serving drinks. Please let us know if you can help, even if only for 20 minutes, every little bit helps.

We also need some donations for prizes, please.

You can view the full colour version of this newsletter on the school website

<http://elm-academy.org.uk/ptfa.html>

Email: elmacademypta@gmail.com

Website: coming soon!

www.facebook.com/ElmAcademyPTA

10 reasons why we need your help!

As parents, you are **AUTOMATICALLY** a member of the PTA... your voice counts.

Our PTA depends on a continual cycle of parent involvement. As children reach their final year and leave, so do their parents. The teachers and head support us when possible, but without all your support, we have no PTA – **WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR SUPPORT.**

The PTA is a mixture of parents that work together for the benefit of Elm Academy. Some are full-time parents, some work part-time or work full-time. **NONE** of us are specialists in fundraising.

Taking an active role with the PTA is critical to your children's success, so we've compiled a list of 10 reasons why helping the PTA will greatly improve your child's experience of school.

1. You are vital to the success of the school

- Schools are becoming more and more dependent on their PTAs for funds.
- More than 85 research studies conducted over the past 30 years prove that kids do better when parents are involved. Grades are higher. Test scores improve. Attendance increases.

2. It's **TOTALLY** flexible!

- There are a variety of small ways you can help and be involved – from designing a poster, photocopying and distributing letters in the school, cleaning up after an event, helping out on a stall...so many ways.
- Giving up just 30 minutes of your time to help the PTA is invaluable. If everyone could spare 30 minutes a term to help, just think what we could achieve!
- You don't have to attend PTA meetings – you can use our contact details to send in ideas for discussion.

3. You'll feel more connected

- There's no better way to know what events are being planned, have your say or make new fundraising suggestions, than by offering your help and support.
- You'll get to know teachers and support staff on a more familiar basis.

4. You'll be part of a great network

- Every PTA event is an opportunity to meet other parents in the same situation as you.
- You will be part of a like-minded network of people who all share a common goal of improving the school for all our children.

5. Make a difference

- By volunteering to help the PTA, you'll be able to use whatever skills you have for a noble cause.
- Our PTA strive to establish a supportive and encouraging community for the entire school.

6. We're not just for mums!

- It's important to our PTA, our school and our pupils to have dads represented on our committee and to help reach out to other dads.
- Are you a dad with a skill that would come in useful?

7. Be a role model

- By getting involved with our PTA, you'll show your children that not only are they important to you, but their education is as well.
- Your children will see you playing an active part in making their education more varied.
- Getting involved illustrates good teamwork and community spirit.

8. What the PTA does affects every parent (and pupil)

- The PTA is made up of people elected to represent you, so help us to do this effectively.
- Your ideas and involvement can help provide extra resources for all the children at our school.
- See the smiles on their faces and know that you have played a part in making school a little more comfortable and fun!

9. It's fun!

- Help plan fun events, socials and get-togethers
- Suggest NEW fun ways to raise funds
- Get your whole family involved!

10. Finally...

Our children are only at school for a relatively short time. PTA events will be remembered fondly by our children for a lifetime. The equipment and resources the PTA helps fund, make learning even more engaging.

Help us continue to create lasting memories for our children.

PTA Committee

Chair: Trisha Reece (RG & 3B)

Vice Chair: Kerry Stamp (1L)

Treasurer: Leana Burt (RT & 4M)

Secretary: Keith Dibden (3G)

If you have any ideas, tips, requests or just want to chat about the PTA, then come and find us in the playground. At least one of us is around at most drop offs and pickups.



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Website: coming soon!

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It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

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- 2) Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
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