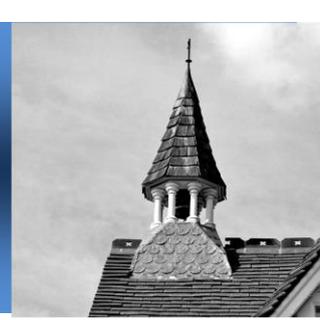




St Michael's School PTA

July 2016



Hi everyone,

There is a Facebook page for the PTA. The link is below. Events are advertised on here to members of the group, so please register if you are a parent of the school. Feedback on your PTA is welcome, as well as any ideas. This is a closed group only available to parents; please do not post photos of other people's children on here or use it to complain about school matters (if you have an issue with the school please speak to them directly).

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1534214560164057/>

If you would like to add your email address to the PTA distribution list then please email jswire@hotmail.com and you will then receive minutes of our meetings.

This term has been a busy one with major events such as the Summer Fayre, Folk Night and the BBQ Camp Out. They all raise quite a lot of money, and we will no doubt have raised at least £5k this term which is brilliant. Final figures will be laid out at the AGM in September.

We have so many people to thank for their help in getting these events off the ground and being such a success. We cannot name everyone, but there are a few who need a special mention.

Stephanie for her amazing poster designs, all the stall signs at the Fayre and the design for our lovely banner that went up at top school.

Our treasurers, Michelle & Julie, who provide us with ample floats for these events, especially for Folk Night where we need hundreds of pounds in change.

Geoff, for his sterling organisation of Folk Night, and Rob for getting the event an extra financial boost through his company.

And I think you all agree, Sandy & Tim, who not only gave up their entire evening at the BBQ to enable us to feast on amazing veggie food; they also buy it, prep it, then forget to eat themselves they are so busy on the night!

Without these people, and indeed lots more of you, as well as everyone coming along and spending a quid here and there; these fab events would not be possible.

In September we look forward to a new committee for the PTA. There will be a PTA drinks evening in early September to welcome everyone back with a free glass or two and to offer advice to anyone wishing to join the committee.

There will also be the AGM at the end of September when a new committee will formally be elected.

It is with great sadness that we are losing key members, including ourselves.

We say goodbye to Julie Hassall, who has been an amazing treasurer, quietly getting on with the job, keeping all the finances in check, counting all the money! And to Michelle O'Regan who works with Julie. Thank you so much both of you. As well as leaving the PTA, Julie is also leaving the school as Louis moves onto secondary – keep in touch!

Geoff Warwick is also standing down, but we have managed to keep him for the Folk Night next year! Geoff has been a hugely valued member of the team, again quietly getting on with things, even fixing our old shed, and continuously mending the BBQs. Again, thank you.

And so to us. We have been joint chair for two years now and feel it is time to let others put their stamp on the PTA and the school. We have loved it, sometimes we have completely winged it, but somehow it always turns out fine, and that is because we have a brilliant team, brilliant parents, and a brilliant school with brilliant children so it makes the hard work all worthwhile. A parent at the recent camp out summed it up when they said, “St Michael’s is so special because it is like one big family and all the children feel safe and happy”.

We hope we have provided you with some happy times and we are sure there will be lots more to come.

Huge thanks to everyone we have nagged over the past two years!

Please have a think over the summer if you would like to be involved. The PTA as a committee cannot exist without a chair and a treasurer. It would be a real shame to lose events like the Pumpkin Party and the Christmas Fair next term.

Jo & Juliet

p.s. remember to use the app on www.easyfundraising.org.uk when buying items online as they give a percentage of your purchase to the school and it costs you nothing! Loads of online/high street shops are registered on there.