

William Gilbert PTA Newsletter

Things to come.....

The William Gilbert Ball, March 18th.

The event has already sold out, so a big thank you to all those planning to attend. Could you please make your cheques payable to William Gilbert PTA, collate them as a table and give them directly to Nikki Allison. In addition, the ball features a Promise Auction and a raffle, so if you have a skill or service you would like to offer for auction, or you have raffle prize you could donate, again please contact Nikki Allison on 07966 398 204. Finally, if you are involved with a company that is interested in corporate sponsorship and might like to sponsor the auction or the event itself, contact Nikki!

School Disco, Friday March 10th.

Following the success of last year's summer disco we thought a disco during this term would be fun for the children, with the benefit of cooler temperatures! We hope to follow the summer format, and will be asking for volunteers to man the event soon.

Mothering Sunday Gifts, Friday March 24th.

This year we will once again be offering the children an opportunity to get a little something to give to their loved ones on Mothering Sunday. Further details will follow, but if you would like to volunteer for wrapping duties, please contact Bridge, Susanne or Karen or register your offer to help on the website(details below).

PTA AGM Wednesday March 22nd.

Everyone who has a child at the school is automatically a member of the PTA and very welcome to join us at the AGM. The meeting reviews activities carried out during the year and the associations accounts. In addition the officers, drawn from the committee, are elected.

This year we also propose to adopt a constitution, something we are required to do by the Charities Commission. We will be issuing copies of this to all current members of the committee, and posting it on the website. If you are considering becoming a committee member, or one of the offices on the committee and would like a copy of this proposed constitution, please contact Bridge, Karen or Susanne.

In broad terms we are hoping to change how the PTA is run, spreading out the workload as much as possible, and making voting simpler.

The current officers of the PTA are shown overleaf, with those standing down asterisked.

Office	Name
Chair	Susanne Leeder* Karen Lawley* Bridget Charlton*
Vice Chair	Vacant (not required when 3 chairs)
Treasurer	Bronwen Skinner
Secretary	Judith Carroll

Within the changes to the PTA we are hoping to create a number of “buyer” roles like “ food & drink” and “gifts”, as well as people to coordinate donations/raffles and third party entertainers and stall holders.

We are ever mindful of the tremendous support that families give to the school, so if you feel like joining us on the committee or taking on one of the offices or new roles, please come along to the meeting, or catch any one of us for a chat.

To become a committee member or an officer, just complete a nomination form (copies available from the PTA notice board inside school reception), and either put the completed form into the PTA post box, hand it to an existing PTA committee member or bring it along to the next meeting.

Other PTA news...

Meeting: There will be an informal PTA meeting at the Scarsdale pub, 7.30pm, Wednesday 15th Feb. The main topics will be the ball, disco and the constitution. As always, everyone is welcome.

Spending: We have agreed to fund improvements to the playgrounds. Benches, which circle the trees in the Infant playground, and antislip decking and covered tables/benches, as well as a ball wall for the Junior playground. The latter should alleviate the “mud bath” issues in the winter and provide much needed shade in the summer. We hope to supplement the shade with the addition of awnings outside year 3 classroom. In addition you may remember, the PTA has already given a commitment to assist with the costs of improving the Nursery playground.

The PTA has also agreed to contribute £4000 for cross curricular support, something we did last year and which has become a regular way of supporting all the areas of the curriculum.

Having asked the school for it’s spending priorities, it is likely that our next major spend will be towards the refurbishment of furniture and flooring in the year 6 classroom.

Many Thanks,

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