

Longhorsley St Helen's C of E First School PTA

Chair - Mrs Sarah Waterston

Secretary - Mrs Milly Archibald

Treasurer - Mrs Kate Matheson

Helpers: Claire Bright - Wayne Gunn - Fiona Hindmarsh

Dear Parents/Guardians

**On behalf of Longhorsley PTA I would like to invite you to join us at our
Annual General Meeting on Friday 20th September at 9.30 am.
The event will take place at school.**

The PTA work closely with the school and are involved in organising and running events for the children, parents and families. We also raise funds for the school to help with providing equipment, experiences and building works.

We raise funds from events that we organise as well as taking advantage of grants and schemes available. We also are lucky to receive donations from parents and locals to help our cause and are the main beneficiaries of funds raised at the annual Longhorsley Ball.

Each year the PTA arranges Christmas and Easter coffee mornings, film nights for the children, Sports Day BBQ, refreshments at the Football tournament and the end of year party to name but a few. We also make decorations for Christmas and Mother's Day, Calendars and fund the Leavers' Lunch.

At our AGM we discuss the finances over the past year, elect new members and set out our aims and objectives for the coming year.

This year our Chairwoman, Sarah Waterston, is stepping down. We are sad to see Sarah go, she has worked hard during her time on the PTA and made a considerable contribution to the school, for which we are all very grateful. Milly Archibald and myself are staying on the Committee but we are looking for new people to join us. Emma Lawton, Zoe Nelles, Jayne Manners and Andrea Light, who have been dedicated helpers, have also moved on as their children have left the school. Anyone can help us. We fully appreciate that time is precious and as such, if you feel you could only help with one or two events a year, we would be delighted if you would come along.

If you would like to be more involved perhaps you could be our next Chairperson?

We would love to hear from you if you have any ideas for fundraising. If you are unable to make the AGM but would like to be involved please can you speak to Milly or myself in the playground.

Once we have had our AGM and decided on this year's targets we will be in touch again.

I look forward to seeing you all on Friday 20th September at 9.30 am. We will be having a quick cuppa and biscuits in the hall beforehand.

Kate Matheson