



Developing Potential without Limitations

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: PTA Extraordinary General Meeting – Wednesday 14th March 2018 7:30pm

The PTA held their Annual General Meeting last night, as part of which, the committee must stand down, nominations for the new committee are made and a vote takes place to elect the new committee. I am delighted that Mrs Lisa Martin was re-elected as secretary and Mrs Leah Cabbage was re-elected as treasurer. However, Mrs Emma Wharfe and Mrs Laura Webb did not stand for re-election as chair and vice-chair and **unfortunately there were no nominations for these positions and therefore no vote could be taken.**

This is extremely serious for the PTA and the fundraising that takes place for our pupils. **Without the committee being in place, the PTA must cease to function.** This would mean that all future events, whether small or large, would not be able to take place. This includes:

- School disco
- Quiz night
- Easter Egg hunt
- Ladies night
- Camp night
- Frieth Hilly
- Christmas Fair and Xmas Factor

In the past two years the outgoing committee and the previous committees overseeing these events have done an absolutely amazing amount and have raised over **£40,000** for the school. Over the four years I have been with the school, the PTA fundraising efforts have both directly and indirectly enabled us to:

- Refurbish the school hall
- Create a covered outside learning space for Reception class
- Purchase interactive whiteboards, laptops and Ipads
- Create a new library including the junior librarian system
- Improve our outdoor learning resources for our youngest pupils
- Provide new dictionaries and atlases in school
- Provide online learning resources such as Mathletics, Education city, Phonics Play and Reading Eggs
- Provide general teaching resources as requested by the teaching staff

Their efforts have also provided pupils with additional experiences they will treasure, such as:

Honest and Truthful

Challenging and Responsible

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- Residential trip to France
- Saxon Day
- Viking Day
- Farm trips
- RAF Hendon
- Space Laboratory visit
- Pantomime
- Young Voices Concert
- Christmas parties and presents
- Xmas factor

The pupils, the staff, the governors and I are incredibly thankful for the hard work of the committee as a whole and in particular the chair of the past 2 years, Mrs Emma Wharfe, as well as all the volunteers that make these wonderful experiences and facilities possible. We would be absolutely devastated if the PTA were to cease to exist.

We have therefore called an Emergency General Meeting at **7:30pm** on **Wednesday 14th March** as we urgently need nominations for Chair of the PTA to ensure its continued and invaluable existence. This can be a single person, or could be a co-chair position if two people felt it would be manageable in a shared capacity. Mrs Wharfe has prepared a fantastic hand-over file with details of all planned events throughout the year, and who has taken responsibility for organising them. The role of Chair is to oversee these events and to chair the meetings which are currently set for 1 each half term through the academic year, but is not necessarily to actually organise or run the events themselves. If anyone would like further information about the role, please do talk to me or to previous members of the PTA committee. In the interim period, we are thankful to Mrs Wharfe who has agreed to remain in role until the EGM so that the PTA can continue with its commitments until then.

I cannot stress how valuable the PTA is to the pupils and families of Frieth School and how devastating it would be to see it fold. I do hope to see you all at the EGM in two weeks to support the continuation of the PTA and our commitment to developing the potential for every child in our community.

Yours sincerely

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