

Dear All.

I would like to introduce myself as the new Chair of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA); I am Alex Ingham and I have 3 children at the school - Beatrice in Year 3, Sebastian in Year 1 and Harriet, who has just started in Owls. Having attended many enjoyable events at the school over the past four years, I am looking forward to continuing the excellent work that is done by the PTA in helping to excite, enrich and enhance our children's learning experiences.

I would like to say a massive "Thank you" to the outgoing Co-Chairs, Nickola Brewis and Lisa Wilkinson, who did an amazing job and raised £3,600 on Rose Day this year alone. I would also like to thank Emma Cakebread who, due to work commitments, has had to stand down as Secretary. Thank you also to all our parents who have helped out with the organisation of events and volunteering at events. We couldn't do it without you!

The new committee is:-

Chair	Alex Ingham
Treasurer	Jodie Bennett
Secretary	Emma Childs
Trustees	Simon Kennett, Kirsty Forrester
Class Reps	To be confirmed at the next meeting

Last year, September 2018 - August 2019, £8,000 was raised. The PTA would like to use some of this money immediately so that our children can benefit now from our fundraising activities last year but also feel it important to have some plans for what to spend money on from this coming year's activities.

We are keen to find out what the children would like the money to be spent on and last Wednesday, 25th September, I had the pleasure of attending the first School Council meeting of this academic year where representatives from each class from Year 2 to Year 6 attended. Each pupil came to the meeting with suggestions from their classes of what they would like the money to be spent on. They had some really good suggestions such as a climbing frame for Key Stage 1 playground, a shelter for Key Stage 2 playground, playground and MUGA markings, playground equipment, picnic benches, computers, cameras, pens, pencils, chalk, glue sticks, and one class even suggested a class pet!

Watch this space for the results of the children's vote taking place this week 🗳️.

These are our events planned for the following year: -

Halloween Disco	24 th October, 2019
Christmas Fayre	13 th December, 2019
Easer Hop Disco	2 nd April, 2020
Rose Day	9 th July, 2020

We will also be holding Bake Sales on the last Friday of each month with each year group taking responsibility for one throughout the year. The first took place last Friday, 27th September, and Year 6 raised an incredible £189. It was great to see the Year 6 children working so hard and selling so well. We hardly needed any PTA members there!

The next Bake Sale will be on Friday 25th October and is being run by Year 5.

PTA meetings will be held on the 1st Friday of each month at 9 am in the staff room and as parents and friends of Crossflatts, you are automatically members and all are welcome. I am looking forward to working with everyone whether you have attended before or not and it would be great to have some new active members. We do appreciate that many of you work on Fridays and it can be difficult to attend but your input is still greatly needed and we would love to hear any suggestions you have to improve upon our activities and would value your help at our events. Our email address is PTA@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk if you want to get in touch with us.

This year we will be communicating our events and messages to you via the Weekly Blog sent on a Friday; email and text messages and all our information will be on the school website. Notices of our events will be on the PTA noticeboard in the playground (by the chickens!). There will also be PTA Class Representatives for each year group who will keep you abreast of what is going on and make it easier for you to pass on your ideas and thoughts.

Finally, thank you for taking the time to read this letter; we look forward to seeing you and your children at our future events.

Many thanks

Alex Ingham

Chair of the Parents Teachers Association (PTA)