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The Meads Primary School PTA

A warm welcome to your PTA

We'll keep this brief because we know you are all as busy as we are. But, since we're a friendly bunch, we'd really like to introduce ourselves and tell you some key information about the PTA (that's Parent Teacher Association), how you can help us, and what's in it for you.

Why does the school have a PTA?

Our group is called The Meads PTA and has been running for several years. We're currently a very small but lively group of volunteers.

The main function of our PTA is to support the school by raising as much money as we can to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for the children. We also provide those 'little extras' that make school memorable and we help provide a few services to parents to make life easier.

We also exist to bring the communities of school and home closer together because it makes sense for parents to be involved in the life of their chosen school.

Lastly, we're here for the simple reason that we want to get together socially, meet new people, have fun and raise money!

The PTA is run by a committee who are all volunteers and are joined by members of school staff who volunteer their time too. Without their support these activities and events would not be possible.

We might sound like an abstract group of people, but we're parents, carers, friends and allies – just like you.

Committee

Chair: Bobbie Richens
Vice Chair: Kerrie Turner
Secretary: Catherine Daubeney
Treasurer: Vicki Ansell

Recent events held and how much we raised

Summer Funday	£ 3,000
Quiz Night	£ 413
Spring Disco & Sales	£ 833
Easter/Christmas Raffle	£ 1,117
Treat Bags / Letters from Santa	£355
Christmas Artwork Sales	£427
Doughnuts	£341

These are just some of the activities we have held in the last year. We are always looking for new ideas so please do get in touch if you would like to contribute.

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What have we funded with money raised?

We always try to respond when asked to help the school, and after the work is done, it's so rewarding to see the children enjoy new resources and equipment provided by the PTA. In the last year we have been able to:

What did we buy?	Who for?	What were the benefits?
Jubilee Celebration	Whole school	Whole school community celebration, marking a special anniversary and creating once in a lifetime memories for the children.
Water Bottles	4+ children	Access to water throughout the day and therefore improving hydration

How we keep you up-to-date with our activities?

Facebook group	We post notices about all upcoming meetings on our Facebook group as well as reminders about events and requests for volunteers.
Book bags	We put flyers, sponsor forms and notices in book bags.
Newsletter	We generate a newsletter once a term which we put into book bags and on the PTA noticeboard.
Online Communication tool	We use our Facebook group, as well as sending emails/text messages via the school office and also add items to the school website and through ClassDojo
Noticeboard	The noticeboard in the playground is updated as necessary.

What are we raising money for next?

We have started to look at installing canopies on the school field. We will also liaise with the school regularly on how best to support them.

We appreciate that in the current situation, times are hard for us all, but any support you can give will be greatly appreciated and will go towards helping your children have fun and enjoy their journey at school.

When are the next meetings?

We have an annual general meeting early on in each school year. This took place in September.

Regular meetings	If you would like to join us for meetings please get in touch
Helping Hands Sessions	The Family Team holds a 'Helping Hands' session every Wednesday morning between 9.00am and 10.30am, where you can help the PTA to get ready for upcoming events or lend a hand to the school in preparing resources and activities.

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How can you get involved?

All parents are automatically members of the PTA when their child starts at the school. The more people become involved, the more we can achieve and the easier it will be.

Even if you have younger children at home, or only a small amount of time, could you come to a meeting, help set up an event, serve food or design a poster? Perhaps you have a professional skill you could help us out with or know someone who can sponsor an event? You don't have to come into the school; many of our volunteering tasks can be done from home.

Contact details

We'd love to hear from you. The Family Team have offered to be a contact for all new parents wanting information about the PTA and our activities. You are also free to get in touch with any of the committee members if you have questions, or you can email the PTA at **themeadspta@outlook.com**

How you can support us right now.

Did you know that you can start fundraising before you join? Use these companies when you shop and the PTA gets paid without costing you more, what's even better is if you share the details with family and friends!

Give as you Live®	Give as you Live is an online platform that allows you to shop at over 4,200 top stores and raise free funds for school. Thousands of people are using Give as you Live every day to make a difference for their charity, so if you're booking a holiday, buying new clothes, insurance or finding the perfect gift, use Give as you Live and help The Meads Primary School PTA at the same time. Sign up using the link below: https://www.giveasyoulive.com/how-it-works

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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY	**F**or as little as £1 per week, there is the chance of winning a weekly prize for someone within our school community. The more people that participate, the bigger this prize becomes and the more money raised for our school. On top of this, you will also be entered into a separate draw with a chance to win an amazing £25,000 EVERY WEEK! It's easy to join, just click on the link and sign up. https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-meads-primary-school

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WIN
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It's A
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Situation!
TICKETS £1 EACH
BOOST School Funds
WIN up to £25,000

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