

SKETTY PTA OCTOBER UPDATE

Hello! A warm welcome to all especially those new parents/carers who have children that have started at Sketty Primary School for the first time. The majority will have children in rising 3's/nursery but there are also new children who have started throughout the years. A BIG WELCOME TO YOU ALL!

Starting a new school can be an unnerving experience at the best of times. No doubt even more so with the current situation we all find ourselves in. Our usual newsletter would usually be packed with bake sales dates as prior to COVID each Friday after school, a class would take it in turns to run the PTA cake stall. We'd also usually advertise dates for your diary such as the Halloween disco, Rags2Riches, New Year Quiz etc.

Unfortunately, many of our usual events will not happen this year and our weekly cake stall will be on hold until further notice but some good news is that we do have *some* dates for your diary!

PTA Halloween Disco (via Zoom) – Thursday 22nd October 2020

PTA AGM (via Zoom) – Wednesday 4th November @ 6.30pm - please see over, we desperately need your help!

Christmas Carols & Cakes in yard (subject to COVID restrictions) – Hopefully on 11th December 2020

Rags2Riches – 10th March 2021 – please keep your used good quality clothing for us for this date! No school uniform but please see below.

PTA HALLOWEEN ZOOM DISCO – Thursday 22nd October – 6-7pm

Get your scariest clobber on and join your school friends (from the comfort of your front room) for an hour of fun kids dance tunes. Suggested donation £1 per child, all proceeds to the PTA. Please send in your donation in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name. Please see the Sketty School PTA FB page for updates and zoom details closer to the time. Please ensure you mute your audio and turn off your video if you do not want your child to be seen on the zoom screen.

OUR NEXT PROJECT – CHRISTMAS CARD/MUG DESIGN

In the next few weeks you will receive your child's lovely Christmas card design. The children really love doing their designs and therefore this is a project we really wanted to try and undertake this year despite it being logistically challenging due to COVID. Last year we raised **£1,053** from this initiative, so why not give every loved one a card/mug this year! 😊

OUR NEWEST VENTURE - PTA PRELOVED (FACE BOOK) SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Every term, the school has bags full of unclaimed and unlabelled lost property. We also have many parents with good quality uniform that they wish sell or donate to the PTA. Now you can sell or give away good quality school uniform on our dedicated preloved school uniform shop. Please check it out! Full details on the FB page. Please search 'SKETTY PRIMARY SCHOOL USED UNIFORM SALE' on FB for the page, join, read the details and post your uniform for sale!

Other ways to help:

EASY FUNDRAISING

- Amazon, Argos, Currys PC World, ebay, booking.com, just eat, trainline....we all now shop online and in the run up to Christmas we will all spend £100's if not £1,000's online. You can raise funds for the school by shopping online. It won't cost you a penny extra and there are over 4,000 shops and sites that will donate a % of your shop to Sketty School PTA. It's like cashback for the PTA. Please go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for **Sketty Parent Teacher Association** and **JOIN** then **SHOP** it's as easy as that! Easier still, download the app on your phone or tablet and each time you shop go to your shop via the app. It is the easiest way to donate to the PTA and it doesn't cost you a penny. **PLEASE PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS.....especially the ones that shop online....you know the ones!** 😊

Finally, a big thank you Bevan & Buckland for auditing the PTA accounts for us for another year! A really big help and great to have them signed off ready for the AGM.

Thank you for taking the time to read the PTA newsletter. If you have any queries/questions/ideas or feedback about the PTA or any events or initiatives that we run please chat to your PTA class representative/committee member or give the school a call and speak with the lovely ladies in school office or contact us on skettyprimaryschoolhsa@hotmail.co.uk

All parents, carers and staff are invited to:



Sketty Primary School PTA Annual General Meeting Wednesday 4th November 2020 at 6:30pm by Zoom

The PTA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, carers and staff are invited to our AGM. The AGM is an opportunity for you to elect the PTA Committee, to represent the association throughout the forthcoming challenging academic year. PTA meetings are also a chance for you to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise, have/will be used for the benefit of children at our school.

Nominations are required to be sent in advance of the AGM, for existing committee members willing to stand for re-election and for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member for the first time. These do sound official roles especially if you are considering putting yourself forward for the first time! In essence though it's just being able to spare some time to attend meetings every few months and occasionally give up some help fundraise to provide funds to assist your child's school. We are also in need of a treasurer. If you would like any further information about what is involved in being a Committee Member or the treasurer, please contact the PTA at skettyprimaryschoolhsa@hotmail.co.uk or speak to Nerys/Fran in the school office. As our PTA is a registered charity, all committee members automatically become Trustees of the Charity. Before submitting your nomination form, we recommend you read the Charity Commission publication 'The Essential Trustee – What you need to know'.

As well as the PTA committee each class is asked to put forward a PTA class representative. Class reps assist in distributing information from the PTA and occasionally from the school. If you would like to be a class representative or provide ad hoc help at events please complete and return the form below. We'd very much appreciate some new faces coming forward due to a number of key members stepping down due to their children moving up to comprehensive school. ANY help would be really welcome and you'll be greeted by some friendly faces.

Please return the form to your child's teacher, marked for the attention of the PTA by MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2020. We look forward to virtually seeing you on Wednesday 4th November 2020 at 6:30pm.

Kind Regards, Sketty School PTA

NOMINATION FOR OFFICER/MEMBER/TREASURER OF THE PTA COMMITTEE

Sketty Primary Parent Teacher Association 2020/21 - Registered Charity No. 1037523

1. I (Print name) agree to my nomination for the position of
.....
(Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer/Ordinary Committee Member)
Email address:Phone No.:
Parent of /Carer of:.....[child's name and class]

Proposer:[please sign and print name]

Parent of /Carer of:.....[child's name and class]

Secunder:[please sign and print name]

Parent of /Carer of:.....[child's name and class]

2. I(Print name) would like to be registered as a **parent helper** at events on PTA Social. Email address:Phone No.:
Parent of /Carer of:.....[child's name and class]

3. I(Print name) would like to be a **class representative** for
.....(class details). Email address:
Phone No.:

Signed **Dated**

Please return forms to your child's teacher by MONDAY 03/11/20

By signing and returning this form you are providing your express written consent for the PTA to retain and manage your personal data and to use it to contact you for relevant purposes. You are also giving your consent for this information to be shared with other members of the PTA and the school for PTA related purposes. More information regarding your Data Protection rights and our privacy policy are available upon request.