

# PTA Autumn Newsletter 2017



**Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We have had a busy start settling into our new roles and organising the Autumn Arts and Crafts event for the children. Now that we are all settled in we wanted to introduce ourselves and give you a little more information about who we are and what we are about.**

## Introducing Heathwood PTA

### What is a PTA?

A Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is an organisation of parents and staff whose role is to bring together parents, teachers and the local community to encourage closer links between home and school.

The objective of our own PTA is to enrich the education of the pupils attending the school by:

- developing extended relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school
- organise and engage in events and activities that support the school and enrich the education of children attending it
- provide and assist in the provision of facilities or items for the school in consultation with the Head Teacher and the governing body

Over the year we intend to organise a variety of events, most for the children but some for their grown-ups! These events and activities are primarily about fun and enjoyment but are also an opportunity for the PTA to raise funds to support the school with projects that need extra funding.

### Who are Heathwood's PTA Committee?

Chair	- Jennifer Geary
Vice Chair	- Rachel Harrington
Secretary	- Tracey Cunningham
Treasurer	- Yulia Lewington

### How can I get involved with the PTA?

We are a small group of parents who are trying to represent the rest of the parents within the school. It is not always easy to anticipate what events or activities people would like to see or what will work. Therefore, we will always welcome any parent/guardian along to our PTA meetings to share their views or ideas. We are a very inclusive welcoming group and all opinions are gratefully received.

However, we fully understand that as busy parents it may not be possible to attend regular meetings or commit to helping at our events BUT you may have some fabulous ideas that we could take on board. Therefore, we are organising a 'Meet and Greet' event on Thursday 16th November from 7:30pm onwards in The Star public house on Heath Road. This is an informal opportunity for you to pop along, meet the team and voice any ideas, suggestions or concerns. Further information on this event can be found below.

### How do I contact the PTA?

#### Facebook

Search on Facebook for our page 'Heathwood Lower School PTA', this is a closed group for parents and guardians only. Alternatively, type this link into your browser:

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/1330312000323695>

Email - The PTA email address is:

PTAHEATHWOOD@HOTMAIL.COM

#### Playground

You can usually find our members on the playground at school drop-off and pick-up times, we are a friendly bunch so do not be afraid to approach us.

### Paperless Newsletters

This will be the last paper newsletter that you receive from the PTA. From this point forwards we will be issuing email newsletters. In order to receive these we require you to sign up to our mailing list.

Type the following link into your browser to sign up:

<http://eepurl.com/c-KUfX>

This link has been shared on Facebook and is on the school website as well.

Please do sign up so you don't miss important news and updates about our events.

Thank you ☺



## Heathwood PTA Annual Movie Night



### The Polar Express

Our Annual Movie night takes place on Friday the 10th November this year from 3:30pm - 5:30pm. This is a great opportunity for parents to nip and do a bit of Christmas shopping without the kids in tow...

Children will be collected from their classrooms at 3:30pm and taken to the hall where they will receive a pot of popcorn and can make themselves comfortable before the start of the film.

Approximately an hour into the film we will take a short break. At this point tuck shop will be served and children will each be allowed to pick three items from the tuck shop along with a drink of water or squash.

After the final instalment of the film the children can be collected from the main school entrance at 5:30pm.

Prices for the event are as follows:

- One child attending £5
- Each sibling £3 each

## HELLO!



## MEET THE TEAM

### 'Meet and Greet' the PTA

Come along and meet your PTA!

We fully understand that not all parents have the time to attend regular meetings or help at events but you may have some fabulous ideas that we could take on board for the upcoming year. We are not asking you to commit to anything! We also appreciate that attending a formal meeting can be daunting, especially if it is your first, so come along and meet us informally over a drink, see what the PTA is all about and whether you would like to get a little bit more involved.

Thursday 16th November from 7:30pm onwards in The Star public house.

We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible ☺

## Heathwoods '50th' Christmas Fayre



Saturday 2nd  
December 12pm -  
2pm

This year is Heathwood Lower Schools 50th Birthday and so we are celebrating our 50th Christmas in style with a wonderfully festive Christmas Fayre.

We will have lots of fantastically fun games, some pampering for the girls, a super selfie booth, creative crafts and some marvellous food! In addition to all of this, a very special jolly man in a red suit will be joining us with some gifts for the children!

Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 2nd December from 12pm - 2pm.

The Christmas Fayre is a large event and takes a lot of work and organising. If you are able to offer any help, either in planning and preparations or on the day, maybe helping to run a stall, please contact a member of the PTA or reach us on Facebook. Whatever help you can offer, however small will be massively appreciated.



### Pamper Evening

January 'Pick Me Up!'

After the hectic festive period is over and the January blues set in, we could all do with a little 'pick me up!'

After the success of last years pamper evening, we have invited 'The Pamper People' to come back and provide treatments such as manicures, pedicures and massages during the evening of Friday 26th January.

So put the date in your diary and get all your friends to come along and have a bit of fun to banish those winter blues!

More information to follow...

Thanks for your continued support,

Heathwood PTA ☺