

# Crowmarsh PTA



Welcome to the Autumn Term 2015

A very warm welcome to the Autumn Term. We are delighted to say hello to many new pupils, parents and carers - especially all of Class R. We hope you will enjoy your years at Crowmarsh, and getting involved in the School PTA is an excellent way to do this.

The PTA is a group of people who look for ways to build friendships, raise funds and provide the school with opportunities to enhance the children's educational and life experiences.



## WHERE ARE WE?

The PTA AGM was held last Thursday and was attended by approximately 6 parents. Last year the PTA struggled to continue and was only able to keep running as Shaun Wilson and Richard Pollard stepped up and ran a 'caretaker' PTA, effectively to keep the bank account open. Despite this, their efforts still managed to raise, with the help of the Thames Run Committee and a few others, a pretty impressive £7202!

Richard Pollard has decided to stand down as Chair and we would like to thank him for all of his efforts and commitment over the past year. Shaun Wilson is staying on as Treasurer.

Anna Franklin (mum of Rudy - Year 3, Floyd - Year 5, and Nelson - at Pre-school) and me, Helen Hendy (mum of Grace - Year 5, and Freddy - Year 2) agreed to 'have a go' and were voted in as the new Co-Chair of the PTA.

However, we would love to have, and need, help and support from as many parents and carers as possible as our hope for the year ahead is to reignite the PTA - especially as we are feeling pretty scared at the moment! It would be fantastic to make this year's events as child-friendly, fun and easy-to-run as possible. We hope to bring back the discos and film nights, ice-cream Fridays, enjoy another (slightly calmer) Carols by Candlelight and support the amazing efforts of the Thames Run Committee. It would also be fantastic to hear YOUR thoughts and ideas for the year ahead.

## WAYS TO HELP

- Attend the termly Committee meetings, to be held on either the first Monday of each new term.
- Volunteer your time by signing up in Reception to help out at the PTA events.
- Become a Class Rep, rallying class support for PTA events, organising class socials and teacher gifts.
- Come and enjoy the events .
- Sign up to Give As You Live [www.giveasyoulive.com/crowmarshpta](http://www.giveasyoulive.com/crowmarshpta), which donates a percentage of your online shop to your designated charity. Valid for many of the major retail sites such as Tesco, Ocado, Sainsbury etc.

We will let you know about upcoming dates and information ASAP but in the meantime please either come and grab us in the playground, or contact us at [1pta6000@ocnmail.net](mailto:1pta6000@ocnmail.net)

## PTA EVENTS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2015/16

### October 2015

Friday 23rd Halloween Disco

### November 2015

Monday 2nd PTA Meeting 7.30pm - 8.30pm School Hall  
Friday 6th Quiz Night for parents, carers and teachers  
Friday 20th Film Night for children straight after school

### December 2015

Wednesday 16th Carols by Candlelight for all

### January 2016

Monday 11th PTA Meeting 7.30 pm - 8.30pm School Hall  
Friday 15th Film Night for children straight after school

### February 2016

Friday 11th Valentines' Disco  
Monday 22nd PTA Meeting 7.30pm - 8.30pm School Hall

### April 2016

Monday 18th PTA Meeting 7.30pm - 8.30pm School Hall

### June 2016

Monday 6th PTA Meeting 7.30pm - 8.30pm School Hall

NB Dates for the Thames Run, Cake / 2nd-Hand Uniform Sales and Ice-cream Fridays to be confirmed.

Sign-up sheets for helping can be found on the PTA board in Reception. Once we have enough volunteers, events will be confirmed and instruction sheets circulated.

Approximately half a dozen people are needed for each event. The events will sadly not be able to run if we do not have enough volunteers.