



HOLLIN PRIMARY PTFA INTRODUCTION

What is the PTFA?

Hollin Primary Parent, Teachers and Friends Association is an informal, committee-led team of committed, supportive and hardworking helpers, consisting of parents, teachers, relatives and supporters of Hollin Primary School pupils. We are non-profit organisation who, amongst other things, organise lively fundraising events, which take place at regular intervals during the year. Our aim is to raise money to provide extras for the pupils, to enrich their time and experience at our school, as well as to provide an informal, open and honest line of communication between the school and parents/carers.

Fundraising

The PTFA organises events throughout the year to raise funds for our children and school. These have included bake sales, raffles, and our wildly anticipated annual Book Fairs. We held our first Christmas Fair in 2015, which was a huge success, and are looking forward to making this a yearly event. We have also helped with the School Enterprise Fair, which encourages children to make items to sell for profit, which is then donated to charities chosen by the pupils.

What is the money spent on?

Over the last year, the money raised by events held has benefited the school and children in many ways, including:

- Over £1000 of new books to school through our annual Scholastic Books Fair event
- End of Year fun days for all pupils including bouncy castles, shoot-outs, entertainment shows and circus skills

As the PTFA grows, and continues to become more effective in it's aims, we hope to be able to provide many more additional supplies, equipment and funding for events to school, for all of our children to benefit from.

How can I help?

In order to continue and grow as an organisation, we need the support of parents, caregivers and relatives. The PTFA meet in a very informal way once a month, at school. Any parent or caregiver of a pupil in school is welcome and encouraged to attend, without any obligation or formal membership of any kind. The meetings last around one hour and serve the purpose of discussing events planned for the children, addressing any issues, concerns or comments from parents regarding schooling, and identifying areas we can help the school through volunteering time or providing funds. Members have become friends over the years and enjoy sharing other news with each other as well.

You do not have to become a member of the committee to help out at any of the events. Just ask! We do welcome new faces, however, and need your support in order to survive!

Benefits of joining the PTFA

The number-one reason to join the PTFA is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. But there are many more advantages. Here are just a few:

Get Connected

There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.

Tap into a Network

Parenting is not easy - it helps to share ideas, concerns and experiences with other parents and educators in the community. PTFA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind.

Watch Yourself Grow

By volunteering with your PTA, you gain valuable experiences. It's an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause - your child and all children in the community.

Speak Up

Because the PTFA is a forum for exchanging ideas, you are encouraged to make suggestions. PTFA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.

Witness Improvement

By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTFAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs, and social events - all vital to a school's success.

Be a Role Model

By becoming a PTFA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

I want to help! What next?

Please come along to our next meeting! The dates for meetings are advertised in the monthly school newsletter, on the school website (www.hollin.rochdale.sch.uk), and on Twitter (@HollinPrimary). If you would like to offer help, but are unable to attend a meeting, please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help point out PTFA parents to chat to.

We look forward to seeing you!