Friends Of Alvanley Primary School PTA

Dear Parents

Welcome to a new year at Alvanley Primary School! I am writing to invite you to our first PTA meeting of this school year on **Thursday 28th September 7pm in the school hall.**

If you haven’t been before that’s fine, we would love to have new faces and new ideas – I promise you won’t get volunteered for anything unless you are happy to!

As a PTA we had a great year last year. We organised a magical Christmas fair and several film nights and discos, had a great Bingo night, we held 2 raffles, took part in the Manley Fair as well as a host of other fundraising activities. **We raised over £3000; the majority spent on new IT equipment. We also secured another £8000 grant to develop the front garden. I hope you have all had a look at our fab new Gazebo, a great start but so much more to do to make the whole garden useable.** BUT the PTA does SO much more than just fundraising, helping to run and organise social events for kids and families and helping the school to put on school plays, run celebration evening and all sorts of other events. These events are part of what makes Alvanley School special, the small family nurturing community which is one of the reasons I’m sure we all chose to send our kids here.

We can only do all this with everyone chipping in. We are all busy working parents with heaps of other commitments but if we all do a bit, share the load it doesn’t need to be too onerous. There are many ways in which you can help, below are just a few suggestions. PLEASE, PLEASE if you value what we do and are able to do something to help, get in touch. (Equally if you don’t value what we do I would appreciate some feedback too!)

We will also need lots of help in all manner of ways to complete the front garden project. If you want to get involved in any aspect from designing, buying, or managing, to the more obvious getting your hands dirty – please let me know. I will send out more information on this soon.

The PTA meetings are held once every half term, are friendly and informal and normally last about 1 hour. If you can’t make this meeting but are able to get involved please come and see me.

I will send a newsletter out after the PTA meeting with our plans for the coming term.

**If you haven’t yet joined our “Alvanley Primary School Parents” Facebook page please join us, this is a great way of sharing info and questions, and improving communication.**

I look forward to working with you all through the year!

Many thanks

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Some ways you could help: Helping to organise and run film nights; helping to organise Christmas fair (we need stalls, BBQ, shoppers, donating raffle prizes, sort and manage raffle, etc); organising calendars; videoing, editing etc the school play for DVD sales; helping with DIY, maintenance or gardening around the school; becoming a first aider at events; organising a parents social; electrical testing; shopping; posters; printing; craft; or any other way you can think of!