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PTA and Christmas Fair

We only have 3 members of what was previously known as 'TEAM' (the school's PTA.) left in post due to children leaving the school and the increased commitment of the school governor role. Now is a perfect time to think about how best the PTA can work, events which could be organised and how the workload can be spread between our busy parents. I'm a strong believer in 'many hands make light work' and think this approach could work for our PTA. One approach we could take would be to have teams of people to organise different events, rather than the same group doing everything. In order to maintain our charitable status, however, we do need to maintain 4 key positions: chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer. I very much hope our current team members will stay with us and continue to share their experience and knowledge, but would also like to welcome new members to the PTA too! The other stipulation to running as a charity is to hold an AGM. This isn't the grand meeting it sounds like! We simply review how the year has gone, nominate for the above positions and plan for the future.

If you have any ideas about how we could best run the PTA, thoughts about events or would just like to lend a hand, please come along to the meeting at school on Monday 6th October at 5.30pm. Turning up doesn't mean you have to be on the committee - we would just like to hear your thoughts and ideas!

Due to popular demand and the success of our Family Performance Evening last term, we have decided to go ahead with a Christmas Fair this year. It will be held between 5 and 7pm on Friday 5th December so put the date in your diary now! I would like to discuss any ideas you may have for the event. Please remember queues were long for the tombola at the Performance Evening as we didn't have enough help to run what could have been 3 separate stalls. Please consider giving half an hour of your time to make this event a success. We will be collecting names of helpers in due course.

NEW ARRIVAL!!

I'm delighted to inform you that baby Lyla Hughes arrived into the world during the summer holiday. Mum and baby (and the rest of the family) are doing brilliantly!! We hope to have a visit from them in school before long.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

May I remind you of this extremely deserving fundraising event which is taking place next Friday across the country. We are inviting families and friends of the school to come and join us for coffee or tea and most importantly, a delicious serving of cake!

Please come to the hall from 9.30am until 11.15am to support this wonderful charity. The children will also be visiting the hall to buy a cake for their morning snack should they wish.

We will need CAKES!!! We have previously had such an amazing response to our requests for contributions to our cake sales. If you could contribute please bring to the hall first thing Friday morning - before drop off is fine. Thanks in advance. Hope to see you there

Parent Governor

Today you will have received an election pack for the post of Parent Governor. Please remember this post is a considerable voluntary role with a number of commitments. The pack outlines clearly what is expected to enable you to make an informed decision about whether this could be for you. I would like to remind parents that the role of Parent Governor is to act as a representative of the parents - not to canvas opinion and act as a messenger. Your role is hugely critical and having a range of skills and backgrounds on our Governing Body is crucial to its effectiveness. The closing date for nominations is next Friday (26th September). Should there be more than one nomination, we will go to ballot and all parents will have the opportunity to vote.

East Avenue Park Annual Scooter Rally and Dog Show!

This popular community event will be taking place on Saturday 18th October. I'm sure many of our families would like to support this event and so if you have any donations which could be used as prizes for a raffle or tombola, they would be gratefully received. Please bring to the school office if you can. Many thanks.

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Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

