



The Friends of Mere School



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Our School continues to benefit from the commitment, determination and hard work of the very few people making up the current PTFA. I would like to thank them for their efforts and acknowledge that without exception that they are all working parents/members who donate their valuable time to ensure our children have a more rewarding and enjoyable experience, which can only be commended.

As a parent with 2 sons, one in year 3 and one in year 5, and a daughter who has gone all the way through school I hoped to make their school experience one that they would look back in years to come with fond memories. I remember receiving a letter inviting new PTFA members over which I pondered for several weeks until I plucked up the courage to attend my first meeting knowing no one and having no previous connection with the school.

Six years on and with a new circle of friends I continue to enjoy not only the social aspect but also the challenge of being involved with the next project and hope to do so for the foreseeable future.

During the past year our fund raising events have enabled us to send every child in school to the pantomime at Christmas, given all the children the chance to have several chances to swim in the local swimming Pool and We are over half way to raising the money to purchase an additional 30 portable Lap Top computers for the children to use in class.

Although the committee has welcomed a couple of new members whose contribution has been invaluable, despite the numbers of children at the school, we still remain a very small minority group with very few parents outside the PTFA supporting the meetings. We always have fantastic support at our events however the lack of support at our meetings has lead to a reduction in fundraising ideas and inevitably a reduction in the number of events held and without fresh ideas and more support unfortunately it will continue in that direction.

As a working mum I understand and sympathise with the demands currently made of parents, however, 1 hour a month, is all it takes to make a vast difference to our child's experience at school. If you do not relish the idea of popping along to one of our meetings alone then just bring a friend. If you are unable to attend but would like to help at any of our fund raising events or submit ideas for future events then please let us know as any suggestions are welcome.

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month in the School staff room at 7:30 pm. We even provide coffee and cake!

Once again, I personally wish to thank each and every member of the committee for their support and invaluable contribution and hope along with new members that they will continue to raise not only funds but also the profile of what I believe to be a very good school in which our children can flourish.

Sam Cotton

We currently have a vacancy for Friends Secretary. If you are interested in filling this very rewarding role please fill in the form below and post into the post box in reception or for more information call Sam (Chairperson) on :01747 860550.

I _____ would like to be put forward for the position of Friends Secretary.

Signed:

Date: