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**WARDEN
HOUSE
PTFA**

4th October 2021

Hello

A Warm Welcome from

We'll keep this brief because we know how busy it has been since September. But, since we're a friendly bunch, we'd really like to introduce ourselves and tell you some key information about the Warden House Parents, Teachers and Friends Association, how you can help us, and what's in it for you!

Why does Warden House Primary have a PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association)?

Our friends' group of volunteers is called Warden House PTFA and has been running for over 10 years.

The main function of our Fundraising Friends team is to support the school by raising as much money as we can to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences and facilities for the children. We also provide those 'little extras' that make school memorable, such as hoodies and leavers books for our Year 6's.

Our aim is to bring the school community and home closer together for our parents to be more involved in the life of their chosen school.

Lastly, we're here for the simple reason that we want to get together socially, meet new people and have fun!

The PTFA is run by a committee who are all volunteers. We might sound like an abstract group of people, but we're parents, carers, friends and allies – just like you. Not so long ago, we were new too.

PTFA Committee 2021-22



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Events

Unfortunately, due to lockdown and bubble systems, all of our larger events that were planned in the last academic year were cancelled; due to a lack of funds, we are sorry to announce that our biggest community event, the Firework Display in November will not take place.

We are therefore planning several fundraising activities throughout the new academic year that will enable us to bring back our biggest and most popular event. This is our plan for terms 1 and 2:

"Fund Raisin" - 15th October 2021 (*Typo on the poster)

Win an afternoon of fun for your class,

Each child will bring home a small box of raisins, when they've eaten them, they can fill the box up with coins and the class who raises the most amount of money will win a fun afternoon.

Pumpkin Parade - October/November 2021

Film Nights - November 2021

School Tea Towels - December 2021

Christmas Fair - December 2021

What the PTFA funded with the money

We always try to respond when asked to help the school, and after the work is done, it's so rewarding to see the children enjoy new resources and equipment provided by the PTFA.

Please see examples below:

- Christmas gifts for every pupil and Christmas parties for every class in 2020
- Book bags and soft toys for our 2021 Reception classes
- Purchased hoodies for our Year 6 leavers 2020
- Fruit for both KS1 and KS2 Sports Days
- We will be providing a drink and a snack for all children going to the Christmas Panto at the Marlowe Theatre

How we keep you up-to-date with our activities?

School Website

The school website is a great tool to find out any information regarding school and the Fundraising Friends activities and events. Here is the link:

<https://www.warden-house.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&pid=66>

WhatsApp Group

We post notices about all upcoming meetings on our WhatsApp group as well as reminders about events and requests for volunteers. This is a closed group, and you will have to contact a member of the PTFA before you are 'invited', all names are double checked with a member of the school office before being authorised.

PTFA Newsletter

Our newsletter is emailed out via the normal school email and will also be uploaded onto the school website.

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When are the next meetings?

We are hoping to hold a meeting soon. If you are interested in joining in and getting some more information, please contact scott.mcnamara@warden-house.kent.sch.uk

How can you get involved?

The more people who become involved, the more we can achieve and the easier it will be to raise money for our much-loved school and children!

Even if you have younger children at home, or only a small amount of time, could you attend a meeting, help set up an event, serve food (post COVID) or design a poster? Perhaps you have a professional skill you could help us out with? Many of our volunteering tasks can be done from home. We need as many ideas as possible especially during these difficult times where we need to be more creative and have lots of new ideas.

Contact details

We'd love to hear from you. We have a dedicated email address for all new parents wanting information about our activities. Feel free to drop us an email with any questions about events (rather than the school office) or drop us any ideas, we love to hear them!

Email Address – ptfa@warden-house.kent.sch.uk

How you can support us right now?

Match Funding

If you work with an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you/we raise could be matched by your employer. Companies match the fundraising total for an event that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the Warden House PTFA detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We understand that high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporation giants.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If you cannot offer your time to the Fundraising Friends but the company you work for has a match funding policy, this could be a really large source of income and help us raise money for our ultimate goal of an outdoor classroom.

Please contact scott.mcnamara@warden-house.kent.sch.uk if you think your company may be able to help us out.

We look forward to 2021-2022 new academic year and we would love to make this year our best year yet!

Wishing you a very warm welcome!

The Warden House PTFA