SKETTY PTA OCTOBER UPDATE

Shwmae! A warm welcome to all, especially those new parents/carers who have children that have started at Sketty Primary School 'SPS' for the first time. A BIG SPS WELCOME TO YOU ALL FROM THE PTA!

The SPS PTA is a registered charity. Its ethos is to assist the school to enhance the learning experience of every child at the school. We hope to do this by organising fun events and projects whilst also raising some money along the way! This helps to fund items the school is not able to buy. Requests for funding from the PTA come direct from teachers and reasons must be given for why such funding is needed. It is then voted on at PTA meetings. In previous years we've helped fund musical instruments, Sumdog (an online spelling & maths programme for juniors), outdoor PE & gardening equipment, balance bikes & computers to name but a few. Most recently we assisted funding the new play trail in the junior yard and gave £10 towards every year 6 leavers hoodie. The year 6's chose black as their colour of choice for their leavers hoodie's this year. We are looking forward to seeing them wearing them soon!

As well as the PTA committee, all classes have a PTA class representative. They help pass on information about the PTA events via each classes Facebook page/ whats app group. The current PTA class reps are:

Nursery AM – **TBC**	Nursery PM – **TBC**	Reception AB - **TBC**	Reception KE/SM-**TBC**
Y1 KP/SP – Katie Cooze	Y1 LO/ER – **TBC**	Y2 DD – Kirsty Richards	Y2 LC – Aime Rushton/Shal Qasim
Y3 MJ – Hannah Chriswick	Y3 NT – Janine Walters	Y4 SK – Kirsty Richards	Y4 LJ – Sam Arthur/Sharon Hearne
Y5 JH – Kim Edwards	Y5 WD – Helen Saunders	Y6 SW – Rachel Bull	Y6 JC – Lucy Haines/Heather Parkinson

The PTA has been unable to undertake many of its traditional events for the last 3+ years. Disco's, bake sales, film evenings, community help days plus many more have all not happened due to Covid. This year we are hopeful that some events and projects may be able to take place. The inactivity though has taken its toll on the PTA membership, PTA class reps and our wider list of PTA helpers. We currently only have 8 people on the PTA and will need to start again to build a cohort of volunteers, if we are to try and start to run events and projects again. Any help you can give, would be gratefully received, be that a skill, such as event management, marketing/PR, gardening, building, down to offering some ad hoc help at events. Whatever you are able to give, please provide more information overleaf.

On the 16th & 23rd September we held bake sales in memory of our lovely Queen. We were blown away by the amazing donations and you helped raise an amazing £266 & £123.25! We are hoping to have more bake sales throughout the year. Please keep an eye out on our Sketty Primary School PTA Facebook page for more information!

! ! ! DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ! ! !

PTA AGM – Wednesday 19th October @ 8pm - please see over, we desperately need your help!
PTA Halloween Disco – Thursday 27th October 2022 – can you help on the night? If so, please see over!
PTA Rags2Riches – 7th - 9th November 2022 – please keep your used good quality clothing for us for this date! No school uniform but please see below.
PTA & School Christmas Carols & Cakes in yard – 16th December 2022

PTA HALLOWEEN DISCO – Thursday 27th October – 6-6.45pm (nursery & infants) 7pm – 8pm (Juniors)
Get your seriously scariest clobber on and join your school friends for some spooktastic tunes. Suggested entry donation £1 per child, payable on the door, all proceeds to the PTA. Please sign up to help on the evening otherwise we will not be able to run this event. More information and an online consent form to follow!

OUR NEXT PROJECT – CHRISTMAS CARD/MUG DESIGN
In the next few weeks, blank Christmas card design sheets will come home or be done in school. The children really love doing their designs and it can make for a unique memento/Christmas present, especially if it's your child's final year at Sketty! Last year we raised **£700** from this initiative, so why not give every loved one a unique card/mug this year! 😊

PTA PRELOVED (FACE BOOK) SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
In keeping with the schools eco status there is a dedicated FB page where you can post your preloved Sketty School Uniform. Many parents have good quality uniform that they wish to sell or simply pass on. Full details are on the FB page. Please search 'SPS USED UNIFORM SALE' on FB for the page, join, read the details and post your uniform for sale! In the run up to Christmas we are also encouraging people to sell quality preloved toys **on the uniform page only**. If you sell something we'd really appreciate a donation to the PTA. Please stay safe when buying/selling.

Other ways to help:
EASY FUNDRAISING

- Amazon, Argos, Currys, ebay, booking.com, just eat, trainline….we all now shop online and in the run up to Christmas we will all spend £100's if not £1,000's online. You can raise funds for the school by simply shopping online. It won't cost you a penny extra and there are over 4,000 shops/sites that will donate a % of your shop to

Sketty School PTA. It's like cashback for the PTA. Please go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for **Sketty Parent Teacher Association** and **JOIN** then **SHOP** it's as easy as that! Easier still, download the app on your phone /tablet. It's the easiest way to donate to the PTA and it doesn't cost you a penny. **PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS!** 😊

If you have any queries or feedback about the PTA, please see your PTA class rep or a committee member or give the school a call and speak with the lovely ladies in school office or contact us on skettyprimaryschoolhsa@hotmail.co.uk

All parents, carers and staff are invited to:
SPS PTA Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 19th October 2022 at 8pm

The PTA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, carers and staff are invited to our AGM. The AGM is an opportunity for you to elect the PTA Committee, to represent the association throughout the forthcoming academic year. PTA meetings are also a chance for you to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise, have/will be used for the benefit of children at our school.

Nominations are required to be sent in advance of the AGM, for existing committee members willing to stand for re-election and for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member for the first time. These do sound official roles especially if you are considering putting yourself forward for the first time! In essence though it's just being able to spare some time to attend meetings every few months and occasionally give up some help to fundraise to provide funds to assist your child's school. If you would like any further information about what is involved in being a Committee Member, please contact the PTA at skettyprimaryschoolhsa@hotmail.co.uk or speak to Dani/Fran in the school office. As our PTA is a registered charity, all committee members automatically become Trustees of the Charity. Before submitting your nomination form, we recommend you read the Charity Commission publication 'The Essential Trustee – What you need to know'.

As well as the PTA committee each class has a PTA class representative. Class reps assist in distributing information from the PTA and occasionally from the school. We've listed current class reps overleaf but we have some gaps! If you would like to be a class representative or provide ad hoc help at events please complete and return the form below. We'd very much appreciate some new faces coming forward. ANY help would be really welcome, and you'll be greeted by friendly faces.

Please return the form to your child's teacher, marked for the attention of the PTA by MONDAY 17th OCTOBER 2022. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 19th October 2022 at 8pm at the Bistro, Tycoch Square

Kind Regards, Sketty School PTA

NOMINATION FOR OFFICER/MEMBER/TREASURER OF THE PTA COMMITTEE

Sketty Primary Parent Teacher Association 2022/23 - Registered Charity No. 1037523

1. I …… (Print name) agree to my nomination for the position of ……..
   (**Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer/Ordinary Committee Member**)
   Email address: ……Phone No.: ……..
   Parent of /Carer of::…….....[child's name and class]

Proposer: ….....……..……[please sign and print name]

Parent of /Carer of::…….....[child's name and class]

Seconder: ……..…….....[please sign and print name]

Parent of /Carer of::…….....[child's name and class]

2. I ……(Print name) would like to be noted as a **parent helper** for events.
   Email address: ……Phone No.: …….
   Parent of /Carer of::…….....[child's name and class]

3. I ……(Print name) would like to be a PTA **class representative** for ……(class details).
   Email address: ……..Phone No.: ……
4. I…… (Print name) have specific skills/trades/own a business etc that may be able to assist the PTA/School. Please give details of how you think you might be able to help ……..
   Email address: ……..Phone No.: ……..
   Signed …… **Dated** ……

Please return forms to your child's teacher by MONDAY 17th October 2022

By signing and returning this form you are providing your express written consent for the PTA to retain and manage your personal data and to use it to contact you for relevant purposes. You are also giving your consent for this information to be shared with other members of the PTA and the school for PTA related purposes. More information regarding your Data Protection rights and our privacy policy are available upon request.