



# CHEAPSIDE SCHOOL PTA

Registered Charity No: 1043395

## *Invitation to PTA AGM and Welcome Drink for New Parents*

*Thursday 16th October 2014 at 7.30pm  
School Hall for AGM and  
afterwards at Thatched Tavern Pub,  
Cheapside to welcome new parents to our school*

Dear Parents,

The Annual General Meeting of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) will be held on Thursday 16th October at 7.30pm in the School Hall. The meeting will consist of a report from the CoChairs, the Treasurer and from Mrs Searle, after which the new committee will be voted in.

Following this, we plan to de- camp to the Thatched Tavern Pub where we hope to welcome any new parents to the school. Please join us at the AGM to find out what the committee have been up to this year and then for a celebratory drink to meet new (and old!) parents at Cheapside.

### **AGM**

This year the PTA is looking for new members as several long standing committee members have either now left the school or are fulfilling commitments elsewhere. There will also be vacancies for several named positions (Chair(s), Vice Chair, Secretary, and Vice Secretary).

### **Why do we need a PTA?**

For decades now the school has enjoyed the generous support of an active PTA Committee which supports the school through fundraising. The PTA funds are necessary to help buy resources and equipment that cannot be purchased out of school budgets.

Without the money that is usually raised by the PTA over the last couple of years the children at our school would have missed out on:

- ICT equipment
- Junior Librarian Software
- New Maths equipment
- Clicker6 (software)
- New PE Team Kits
- Musical Equipment
- New outside picnic and games tables
- Watercoolers
- New books and resources provided by the annual Book Fair
- SATS fun-days
- Extensive contributions to all year school trips which would have pushed parental contributions up.
- Year 6 leavers trips to Chessington and Hurley
- Focus week resources
- Extensive pool repairs and life-saving qualifications for teachers and parent volunteers
- New roller and cover for school swimming pool
- Swimming pool maintenance costs, including water, chemicals, heating and Summerisation / Winterisation costs.

Looking forward, we have a number of items on the school's wishlist, including :

- £6,000 investment in new curriculum resources
- New blackout blinds and a projector in the hall
- New school flooring.
- Resurfacing the playground

As well as the important financial contribution from the PTA funds, the children would also miss out on the extra social aspects of the school that many of the PTA events offer – the summer fete, the Royal Ascot tea tent, the children's discos, fun-days and school trips.

Also the PTA organise the regular Grounds Tidy events, which without a caretaker is essential for the maintenance of the school grounds.

The PTA raised over £18,000 last year and nearly all of it was committed to the above items. Without ongoing fundraising, you can see that the children will be missing out on a lot of classroom and playground facilities, resources, school community activities, fun events and on site swimming.

We understand that everyone has busy lives already but any time you can give is very welcome. Perhaps you don't feel ready to join the committee but would like to help at one of our events? Please let us know. Or if you feel you could spare some time to help on the committee you would be very welcome. We only meet once every half term, are very friendly and all events are planned and organized by a team, not only relieving the responsibility but making the task fun!

If you have any time at all to spare (or can make time for a worthy cause) and would like to help provide valuable funds for our school, please do fill in the attached form and hand in to school or post in the PTA postbox (located on the outside wall of the school office).

We hope to see as many of you as possible at this year's AGM and at the Thatch afterwards.



With many thanks, *The PTA Committee*

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## AGM

Child's Name:.....Class:.....

Please confirm the name of the family member attending the AGM: .....

The official voting-in of all committee members will take place at the Annual General Meeting.

If you have any further questions about the role of the PTA or the responsibilities of one of the named positions, please email Marie Sherman [anna\\_marie2001@hotmail.com](mailto:anna_marie2001@hotmail.com) TEXT 07740987292 or Lisa Naji [lisa.naji@googlemail.com](mailto:lisa.naji@googlemail.com) TEXT 07764613905.

Please Tick or Circle Where Appropriate:	
I would like to remain on the PTA Committee	
I would like to nominate myself for the PTA Committee	
I would like to join the PTA Committee and would like to put myself forward for one of the following named positions:	<p style="text-align: center;">CHAIR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VICE CHAIR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SECRETARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VICE SECRETARY</p>
I am happy to volunteer my services to help the PTA over the following academic year	