

Dear NEW St Paul's families,

It was a pleasure to meet some of you at the new parent meeting at St Paul's and a big thank you to those who left their details to join the PTA volunteer WhatsApp group. We hope to see you at an event soon. If you'd like a taste of what it's like, our summer fair is being held next Friday, July 4th, straight after school. Come along and join in the fun! Everyone is welcome.

We would like to invite everyone to join the volunteer group, as I said at the meeting, it takes a whole village to keep the PTA running. If you can spare half an hour to help on a stall or make a poster, collect donations from shops etc., help with lost property, any contribution in any way, everything people do is appreciated. With so many of our most active parent volunteers having Y6 children, they will no longer be here from September 2025, so we need to make sure we continue to keep this group going.

Also, what works really well is having class WhatsApp groups – once you know which class your child is going to be in, get a group set up and have a class rep if possible.

Some important things that I mentioned at the meeting:

Please create an account on the PTA website – this is where we will advertise upcoming events and is where you can purchase pre-loved uniform. This is also the only place where you can purchase tickets for discos when we have them. Usually, we have one silent disco in the Spring Term and a traditional Disco in the Autumn Term – they are very popular with the children. We can only run the discos if we have sufficient volunteers as the children's safety and wellbeing is our top priority.

How can you contact us?

E-mail: <u>PTA@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk</u> Facebook: <u>PTA information for St Paul's</u> Website: <u>https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpaulswokinghampta</u>

If you wish to join the PTA Facebook group, you must answer the questions in the form in order to be accepted. Only families with children attending St Paul's will be accepted. If you have any issues joining the group, please let us know.

At every AGM, all current committee members step down and can be reelected if they choose to stand again. They do not have to stand every year, year after year. I will aim to announce the next PTA AGM date before the summer holidays this year, so you have plenty of time to 'save the date!'

It would be great to have a succession plan in place.

We are incredibly lucky to have some brilliant committee members currently, and please note, we are all volunteers and working parents.

We would also like to ask if we have any parents or carers who work for a company that has a match funding scheme. This is a fantastic way of boosting our profits and doesn't cost a thing! Some of the companies that do this are: Vodafone, Argos, Tesco, HSBC, DHL, Microsoft, Aviva, BP, SKY, Thames Water. There are many more. Why not check with your employer and see if they offer match funding.

If you would like to get involved, get in touch!

Thanks for reading and please do reach out to me with any questions or suggestions for our PTA.

Angela Crabtree - PTA Chair