



Yeovilteenies PTA Newsletter

Committee Update

With Athena and other members of the original committee moving on to pastures new, the PTA now has several new members with space for more willing volunteers.

Ellie Hollingworth has taken over as the Chair of the PTA, Rachel Priest as Vice-Chair and Paddy McClelland has joined as a committee member.

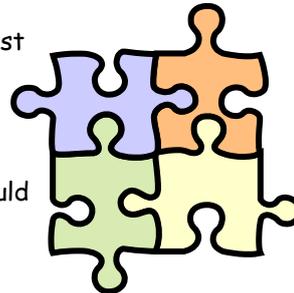
The main aims of the PTA are to provide a link between the parents, the nursery owners/ manager and the base and to work alongside the owners and base to improve the facilities and opportunities for all the children at Yeovilteenies.

The committee's focus during it's first year was to foster better links between the base and nursery, which led to new flooring and fresh paint, a revised holiday policy and the sibling discount amongst other things. Our aims for this school year are:

- 1) to continue to nurture and benefit from the relationships we have with the base and owners;
- 2) to work alongside the Nursery owners/manager to get the most benefit for the children out of the PTA funds, Welfare Grant and other sources of funding.

We welcome your ideas for improvements or activities that you would like to see at the Nursery and would be grateful if you could fill in the short questionnaire overleaf and return it to the envelope in the foyer.

We also intend to hold an Annual General Meeting in November so that we can update you on the projects we are working on and to hear your suggestions for the committee and nursery.



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Dates for the diary:

- ☺ Thu 13 Oct 1200 PTA Meeting (All Welcome)
See noticeboard for location.
- ☺ Tue 1 Nov 1500 (TBC)
Yeovilteenies AGM,
Channel Dash/ Sanctuary, All Welcome.
- ☺ Dec PTA sponsored
visit/trip for the children

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Garden Work Party

Over summer leave we helped Louise and Jo spruce up the garden ready for the influx of children returning from their holidays in September. The wooden bridge was fixed, work was started on the Fairy Garden by the willows, numbered bunnies were posted onto the fence and a van load of weeds, branches and other garden debris was taken away to the tip. The children also returned after leave to find lots of long lost toys that have been languishing in the weeds brought back into play!

We are hoping to have another Garden Work Party in the early Spring to get the garden ready for some Summer Sun. Delicious creamcakes were provided as refreshments this time so we highly recommend getting involved!

Fundraising Update

The sale of tea-towels and the raffle of the Little Tikes Bike last Christmas raised just under £150 for the PTA. The PTA hopes to raise funds again in a similar way in the lead up to Christmas—details will be posted in the foyer and on the Facebook page nearer the time.

We would like to use our funds to provide visits or trips for the children and therefore will be looking to fundraise throughout the whole year. Our ideas so far are to have a cake stall at the Yeovilton Families Day and to hold a pre-loved sale at Tall Trees in early 2017, which would also give all of us a chance to free up space for all those Christmas presents by passing on old toys and clothes to friends and families in our local community.



We are also considering giving a small proportion of the profits (10% TBC) from any future fundraising to a charity. Further details will follow.

Please jot down any fundraising ideas you have and any preferences for a charity for us to support on the questionnaire within this newsletter; the more money we can raise, the more exciting opportunities we can provide for the children!

Military Update

The MOD is currently conducting a study into how to provide the most flexible/affordable/suitable childcare for the children of Armed Forces personnel. Please have your say by completing the survey on the NFF website <http://www.nff.org.uk/childcare-survey-2016/>.

PTA Questionnaire

Please return the completed form below to the envelope in the Nursery foyer by 30 Sep 16.

Name	
Volunteer to join the committee?	
Is there anything in particular that you would like the Welfare Grant/PTA funding/other sources of funding to cover? Ideas for visits/trips/improvements to the nursery environment?	
Do you have any fundraising ideas for the PTA?	
Is there a particular charity you would like the PTA to support?	
Would you like to join the PTA mailing list? If so or a volunteer please provide an email address.	