

Committee**Members**

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Meetings

We meet at school, in the staff room, and try to get together monthly. Details are included on the School Newsletter.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th January 2023, at the school at 15:30. Please feel free to join us, members and non-members alike!

MMPS PTA**AUTUMN NEWSLETTER****Welcome**

Welcome to all our new parents and to our returning ones! We would love for you to join our masses and help us to put even more into Meltham Moor Primary School. Last year we provided over £5,000 of support to the school, helping to provide a fantastic book scheme throughout each year group as well as supporting many school events and helping to support learning experiences for the children. We would love more

people to help us and warmly welcome any new members to the team!

What we have done for Meltham Moor over the summer

Over the summer, Mrs Higham has been spending PTA funds on revamping the reading scheme. We have now moved away from Biff, Chip and Kipper for Reception and Year 1 and have started a phonics based reading scheme. This will be expanded throughout the school over the next year. The PTA has committed annual funds to support this venture.

Year 6 SATS - money is ready and waiting for the revision books, SATS week breakfast and any balance to support the post exam week trip.

What have we got planned?

- We have a social 'Autumnal Sweep' planned for Saturday the 19th of November, at 09:30-12:00 in which we will tidy and clear the leaves on the pathways around school – children are welcome to help and tea and coffee will be made available. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated.
- A school disco is planned for Thursday 24th November. Details have been sent via the school and the PTA seeks any help with organizing refreshments at the discos. Should you be available to help, please could you contact the PTA directly or inform the office.
- The week beginning 5th December will see the commencement of the school's Christmas Concerts. The PTA aims to provide refreshments at these concerts and would greatly welcome any support parents could give.

- The PTA have recently organized the uniform cupboards – plenty of pieces of uniform are available should you require any – simply enquire at the office should you need anything.
- Christmas cards and Christmas hampers have and are in the process of being completed with support from the PTA. Donations for hampers will be much appreciated as will support of the Christmas card requests.
- Meltham Moor Big Dig! – The PTA are creating a project to tidy up and manage the woodland area and revamp the memorial garden. Both areas need a general tidy up and then someone to manage the maintenance and upkeep of both sites going forward. Any help would be appreciated in any of the following areas:-
 - Clearing and straightening the paving and steps
 - Mending and fixing fencing
 - Clearing planters and raised beds
 - Cutting the grass
 - Deciding what to plant and planting
 - General upkeep

There is even a pond area which, if anyone has the knowledge or experience to clear and bring into a condition that the children could enjoy, would be a brilliant addition to the area as well.

- Woodlands Plan – Some work has already been done on the woodland area but further help to clear fallen branches, mend fences, spread bark chippings and create paths would make the area much easier and more enjoyable for the children to use. We are also looking at creating a second woodland area, specifically for KS1, so any ideas and support in this would be welcome as well.

How Can You Help?

Your time and ideas - We are always looking for new volunteers to give their time and/or ideas. If you are interested please reach out to a committee member in the playground, contact us via pta@meltamoor.org, or simply come along to our next meeting – we'd love to see you! Our next meeting is set for Tuesday 17th January at 15.30 at the school – please come and join us!

Easy Funding - Want to help the school whilst you shop with no cost to you? If so, download the app and as you shop, a percentage may be donated to school - shops participating include Shoe Zone, Sainsburys, Asda and George, Ticketmaster, Amazon, eBay. So far we have raised over £500 for school using this app. For further details go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Amazon Smile – we are proud to announce that we are now set up on Amazon Smile! Start your shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk, or with smile.amazon.co.uk activated in the app, and they will donate 0.5% of the eligible purchase amount — at no extra cost to you!

Can your employer help? - Speak to your employer, there are employers out there looking for charities to support or are happy to give cash donations, either directly or by matching your fundraising activity. Lots of employers also give employees a paid day of leave for local volunteering – we are always looking for help with a variety of tasks and activities throughout the school.

Fundraising Calendar

To enable us to continue supporting the school where we can, we need to continue to raise funds. A selection of fundraising ideas have been put forward. We'd love to hear what you think and/or if you have any other suggestions and if you can offer help with any please do get in touch!

Autumn Term:

September

School Lottery

October

Parents Evening
Bags4Schools
Christmas cards

November

Disco
Grounds clearance day (leaves)

December

Christmas Hampers
Christmas Concerts