

Welcome note from St. Augustine's PTA

Many schools have a PTA (Parents Teacher Association) or Friends of... Group. They are a great way of getting to know other families and staff whilst making a real contribution to the quality of school life for all.

Whilst fund-raising is a major part of a PTA's activities and directly contributes to the improvement of the school, there is a lot more to it than that. In a nutshell, PTA members also provide a willing workforce for the school when extra hands are needed, hold social events to bond the school community, run extra-curricular clubs for children and adults, and support parents through times of change. The varied work means there's something for everyone - it's not just about being on the committee.

Practical help is often needed, and your skills, or even just your presence, is very much appreciated. Children love seeing their parents in school. You can benefit them, improve their educational environment and make friends too. Here are just a few examples of how our parents get involved:

- Help out at the PTA events (such as film or quiz nights, bingo, fayres, school disco)
- Share their skills and interests – eg. creativity/ photography/sports dance;
- Here are some examples of the clubs that are currently run by parents - French club, Football club, Running club;
- Support children with reading;
- Accompany children on school trips;
- Work on ad hoc projects like garden work, maintenance, scooter rack installation, etc...

You can find out more about work of St. Augustine's PTA from the weekly school bulletin, we have a column for the regular updates, as well as by contacting us directly on ptaAugustines@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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