



9th October 2020

Dear all,

Welcome back to school and a very **WARM** welcome to our new parents, carers and children who have joined us in Nursery and Reception.

The Parent, Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) has an exciting and **VITAL** role to play by hosting **FUN** activities whilst supporting our school. The funds we raise help our marvellous staff to provide all our children with additional opportunities and educational resources.

Like every PTFA in the land, we are sadly subject to Covid -19 restrictions, so we are unable to hold the typical fairs or events which we have all previously enjoyed. It goes without saying that this year is going to be a challenge! Therefore, we hope that **EVERY** parent and carer will consider supporting us by joining in with the alternative events we are planning to host.

The first PTFA meeting of this school year was held last week via Zoom, where innovative ideas were discussed such as Virtual Discos, a Virtual Raffle, Christmas Cards and Santa's Secret Room! We are fortunate that we are able to utilise the school's cashless system for event payments so please keep your eyes peeled over the coming weeks for our events and please **SUPPORT** us where you can.

In addition to events, there is an easy way in which **YOU** could help us with raising funds very quickly and for free....

We are registered with the **easyfundraising** app, where we are known as "The Church School Baildon PTFA". With the festive season fast approaching, please consider downloading this app and purchasing shopping through it. When shopping via the easyfundraising website or app, there are over 4100 retailers, such as John Lewis, eBay, Amazon and many more which will donate to our school for **FREE**. If you are not already registered, then please sign up to our easyfundraising page using the link below – and please encourage your **FAMILY & FRIENDS** to sign up and support us too!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/balidoncoeschoolptfa/>

Another source of income could be via **MATCH FUNDING**, so if the company you or your partner works for offers a match funding scheme then please could you email us at baildonptfa@gmail.com. We would be delighted to discuss this possibility with you.

We are also looking for a different kind of **HELP**; help to share information. I'm sure like many of us you all have individual class social media pages or messaging groups where you share information and post reminders to each other. These are a really valuable source of information so we are looking for a **CLASS REPRESENTATIVE** in every class to just simply "Copy, Paste and Post"



PTFA information via their individual class messaging methods. This will help us to ensure our information is quickly reaching lots of parents and carers at around the same time. If you could "Copy, Paste and Post" for your child's class, please email us at baildonptfa@gmail.com, with your details and the class you will represent – this help would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to become a more active **MEMBER** of the PTFA then we are always delighted to welcome new people, "the more the merrier" and "many hands make light work" spring to mind! We are very much looking for innovative ideas to carry us through this unprecedented time, so if you have any ideas please share them with us, either via email or at our next Zoom meeting on Monday 19th October at 7pm.

We are also going to be looking for a new **VICE CHAIR** of the PTFA in the near future as the lovely Liza Stead is stepping down due to increased work and family commitments. Therefore, if anyone is interested in talking about this role, please get in touch.

Lastly, we sincerely hope you and your children will **SUPPORT** our up and coming events and again if you have any ideas, if you can help by becoming a class representative, if you can sign up to easyfundraising, or if you wish to become a member of the PTFA please get in touch at baildonptfa@gmail.com

Best Wishes,

The PTFA