

CHELSEA SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a fantastic holiday break and are already embracing Term 1 as much as I am!

I'm just putting feelers out there to you all for 2016 and letting you know what events we have coming up this year.

Dedicated Parent Helpers - DPHs

One of the things we (PTA) discussed last year is having a **Dedicated Parent Helper** for each classroom for our events. Being a dedicated parent helper would mean that first and foremost you know parents in your classroom better than the PTA committee and can be really useful in helping getting any messages or information out to your class parents for an event. Sometimes we find that parents are missing our flyers or emails with important dates or help required and as our **DPH** you can effectively make sure that information gets around and also create awareness for more helpers if needed. An example would be that the Masters syndicates do our baking for the Halloween Disco each year - so all of the dedicated parent helpers of the Masters Classrooms would help me get the message to all of the Masters parents about the event, the baking and what we need and possibly getting together parents to help run stalls etc.

It is often the personal communication from another parent in the same class that can encourage others to help out in small ways too and together that makes less work for each individual and brings more parents onboard for PTA events which is all good news. As easy as standing in the playground before or after school and asking if people know about a certain event, are aware of what they have been asked to provide and whether they have spare time to help out at all.

It would mean that you are willing to help at events (not all but most especially ones that your syndicate provides something in particular for),

this includes setting up, packing down and running a bar/food etc. Most of you already do this.

If you think you could take up this role for your child's class can you please email me back with the space/s your children are in so I can find people to fill in the gaps.

Thank you!

You would not be required to come to PTA meetings – but would of course be welcome.

Events 2016

We are keeping this simple this year, most of you might be aware that it is a production year and if you haven't been through this before it is time consuming for everyone.

Term One

Meet the Teachers - 24th Feb

We will cancel the Food/Drink if it is forecast for rain, however, if it's sunny we will need helpers to serve food and drinks. Set up and pack everything away again.

Term Two

Movie Night

This is the busy School Production term (looking forward to seeing what the kids will be performing this year) so at the end we will do one movie night. We will need food helpers and committed parents to stay in the hall to allow us to have drop-off scenarios. Also need help cleaning up after the event.

We will also be running a bar for the Production nights so will be looking for people to help with that.

Term Three

Halloween Disco

Need helpers for setup/pack down. Need helpers to run stalls.

Trivia Night

Need helpers to setup and packup. Need helpers to run bar and sell questions, collect sheets etc.

Term Four

Christmas Carol Night

Need helpers to run bar/food, setup and packup.

I will have firmer dates for you as the year progresses. We will not be doing any Whittaker's Fundraising (or anything similar) this year.

Ideas

I'm interested in any ideas you have on things for us to put our fundraising money towards, please email me if you have any ideas.

PTA Member

If you would like to come to meetings and be more a part of the PTA just let me know. Our meetings this year will all be the first Monday of the term, 7.30pm in the staffroom (or advised otherwise if dates clash).

Thank you for all of your help in 2015, let's make 2016 just as awesome.

Mel.