



COPTA Cherry Orchard Parent Teacher Association



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Welcome to our first issue!

We are all so excited to launch the PTA, we welcome all parents and carers to come and join as we all begin on this new journey together. We are running coffee mornings every Thursday from 8.50am to 9.30am. You do not have to be a committee member. All we ask is a 50p donation toward the cost of refreshments and if you can bring your own mug; we have space for it in our designated cupboard.

Community Fun Day

Sunday 30th September 2017, 12pm to 4pm

The PTA have enlisted a few volunteers to help out on the day but we could always do with more support. Please enquire with us. We have been allocated two stalls. One for hot drinks and the other will be a craft table. An idea of Tombola jars was raised at the meeting. It's a great fund raising activity and we are asking if children could bring a sweet/ chocolate donation into school on Friday 29th September for the tombola. All money raised will go toward the PTA fund.

Trick or Treat..

**Halloween Ball on Friday 20th October 2017,
5.30pm to 7pm, £TBC entry**

We are currently busy planning and organising the very first end of term party for the children. This is a family event and although teaching staff and PTA committee members will be present and supervising; all Parents will be required to accompany their children.

There will be music, games, crafts and treats. Invitations will be distributed by the school and everyone will need to RSVP by 11th October 2017 in order for the PTA to finalise numbers.

Social Media & Website update

The PTA has created a Facebook page, please speak to our Social Media Expert during coffee mornings for more details on how to keep up to date and informed about upcoming events.

There is also a new tab on the school's website, under the parent's section; where you will be able to access the same the information as the Facebook page and you will also be able to access our newsletters.

Next steps

Before we formalise the PTA, we need to think about the following:

- The first open / general meeting of the intended membership
- Adopting a constitution
- Registering as a Charity
- Criminal record checks for PTA committee members and volunteers

For now Ann Shergill, fellow parent at Cherry Orchard is happy to facilitate / Chair the Steering group until the Annual General Meeting (AGM) takes place on 19th October 2017 at 9.15am in the School Hall. For more information on the PTA please email:

andeep@hotmail.co.uk or Sheena Williams, Family Liaison Officer.