



*St Anne's PTA Newsletter,
October 2019*

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

A warm welcome back to school and a special welcome to the new parents joining St Anne's for the first time, it's hard to believe we have a month of the first school term completed already!

The PTA is a vital link between you, the parents, and the school. We are a group of parents who want to build on the great sense of community that is St Anne's. We meet once a month and welcome agenda items from parents, please contact a member of the PTA if you would like a topic included.

We have had our first monthly meeting and are excited about the plans for the year ahead. Our aim is to send out a newsletter at the start of each term letting you know in advance the various events that will be happening. Some events are organised entirely by the PTA and others are school events that we support.



The Annual Cake Sale and Bake off will take place on Friday 25th October in the school hall. For this event we invite parents and children to send in their best baking creations and prizes are given to the top three cakes in both the parents and child category. All the cakes will be on display for sale in the school hall in the morning and you can reserve your favourite cake. If you don't fancy entering the baking competition, parents are invited to send in buns, biscuits or cookies which can be sold alongside the cakes.

If baking really isn't your thing, then pop in and buy some of the fabulous treats we will have on sale during the day. Keep in mind your children will also be able to come to the school hall that day to buy a few treats even if you can't make it yourself so please support in whatever way you can!

The children are invited to come to school in their fancy dress costumes for the day to add to the fun!

October Car Park Campaign - the PTA have been busy over the summer months, developing some lovely signs for the Car Park which will help everyone to use the car park more effectively, all will be revealed soon!

The joint AGM of BOM and PTA will be held in the school at 7pm on Thursday 7th November. This is an opportunity for parents/guardians to get an update on what is happening in the school community and plans for the coming year. All parents are invited to attend. A separate meeting will be held directly after the AGM to elect a father nominee and a mother nominee to the new Board of Management.



Friday the 8th November the PTA will host the St Anne's Table Quiz in Shankill Tennis Club. This is a great way to meet up with other parents in your children's class and from other classes. It is a social evening which we hope you will support.

If you haven't planned a Christmas class night out yet - make this your night out!! Wine, beer and spot prizes will be available and a fun evening for all. If you want to donate a spot prize please let us know. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. Any funds raised from this event will go to supporting improvements in the school yard and plans will be on display at the table quiz

The PTA are also busy planning for some festive December fun for the Children and we hope to do something a little different this year. We may need you to dig out your Santa hat for this event. More details to follow on this.



All of these lively and social events help to develop and build a sense of community within the school and amongst the parents and children. However, we, the PTA can't do it all ourselves. We always need parents to help out and volunteer a small amount of their time. We estimate that if every household volunteered approx two or three hours of their time over the whole school year, we would have sufficient help to run each event smoothly. That's it, just a couple of hours per household! Please keep this in mind when the PTA are asking for parents to volunteer a little time. If you feel you are in a position to help at one of the events we hope to run this term, please get in touch with the PTA at stannespa@gmail.com.

From the PTA