**5th July 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to extend a welcome to you on behalf of the Eccleston CofE Primary School Parents and Teachers Association (PTA)

I am sure you are very excited about your child joining our wonderful school. All parents and carers are automatically members of the PTA and we look forward to getting to know you as part of the fun activities and fundraising programmes we organise for the school.

Getting involved in the PTA is great for so many reasons;

* It helps you get to know people at the school, from headteacher and teachers to other parents
* It helps you understand how the school works and how much the teachers value the support from the children
* It helps make our school an even better experience for our children.

The current PTA committee is;

* Nicola Said, Chair, mum to Ethan who will be in Year 2
* Ros Toan, Secretary, mum to Beth who will be in Year 5 and Mia who will be in Year 1
* Julien Tonon, Treasurer, dad to Constance who will be in Year XX and Alexandre who will be in Year 3
* Lena Lloyd-Jones, Trustee, mum to Taya who will be in Year 6
* Paula Revill-Jones, Trustee, mum to Charlotte who will be in Year 5 and Arthur who will be in Year 2
* Ioan Said, Trustee, dad to Ethan who will be in Year 2

We are always looking for new parents to join as trustees but the most important thing is to get involved in the various activities and find ways to use the skills and experiences you have to support the school. The last year was a bit different as we weren’t able to do our usual events such as Christmas fayre, and summer events but we still had a great year! Some of the things we got up to;

*Relaunched the 50:50 club \* Surprise Father Christmas visits to children’s homes \* Christmas cards using the children’s artwork \* Christmas decorations and gifts for all the children \* Virtual Christmas market and raffle \* A Glow in the dark Christmas party \* Easter egg hunt and easter hat and garden competitions \* Family photoshoots \* Improvements to the school grounds and planting of the car park \* Funded local talented musician Matt Baker to write a song with the children \* End of lockdown zoom party \*Contributed additional funds to the school hardship fund*

We also raised over £3000 to fund a new outdoor theatre which was amazingly created by one of our dads, the project was recently a finalist in the national PTA awards. He is now also working on the development of a quiet area in the school playground which has also been funded via the PTA.

We are just about to start a major fundraising programme to deliver a comprehensive programme of improvements to the outdoor areas at school, and we will be applying for grants and donations to get this funded. It is a really exciting time!

If you would like to get involved in this, or any of our other activities please get in touch with me on 07812 037006 and if you have new ideas we would love to hear them! It would be great if you could let us know what skills or experiences you have that could help by sending the information in the below form to Ecclestonpta@gmail.com ☺

We wish you a fantastic summer and we are looking forward to meeting you in September,

Nicola Said, on behalf of the PTA committee

Name of parent/s or carer/s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to get involved;

* Joining the PTA committee
* Helping organise events
* Assisting with events
* Writing grant applications
* Helping with communications

What are your skills and talents, i.e. accountancy, marketing, joinery, hospitality, organisation, being welcoming etc!

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