



# Ashwell School PTA

## PTA Autumn Newsletter 2023

Welcome back to the new school year and an autumn term full of events. We hope you all had a lovely break over the summer holidays, I'm sure it seems like a distant memory already.

Firstly, we would like to thank the outgoing PTA committee for all their hard work over the last few years and everything they have put in to supporting the school and pupils.

The new PTA committee have lots planned for this year, building on the fantastic work of our predecessor's we are looking forward to lots of fun and would appreciate your support when you can.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the PTA over that last 12 months, with both volunteering and attending our events, we made a profit of £12,894.62 for the school which is a fantastic achievement.

Thank you to those who attended the PTA drinks and AGM last week, it was a great turnout. For those who were unable to attend but would like to join the PTA please get in touch, we always welcome new members. With the stepping down of the previous committee, we now have an all-new committee, please see attached the PTA family tree for a little more about us. If you would like a copy of the minutes from the AGM please let us know at [info@ashwellpta.co.uk](mailto:info@ashwellpta.co.uk)

Please remember the PTA needs the support of everyone to make the events a success.

## Supporting the PTA

There are lots of ways you can support the PTA and help us raise much needed funds for our children's education, we do understand that most people must work, so here are a few things that you can do to support us that doesn't involve volunteering.

- You could make a regular donation by setting up a standing order with your bank to pay directly into the PTA bank account Ashwell School PTA Account number 30552143 Sort code 20-73-26 you donated as little or as much you can afford.
- You could make a one off donation via our paypal donate button [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=Y4Y4KBRCJBCDC](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=Y4Y4KBRCJBCDC)
- You can use amazon smile & select Friends of Ashwell school as your charity or use easy-fundraiser when shopping online <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ashwellschool/>
- Some companies offer matched funding, so if you work for a company that offers this & you help at an event or take part in a sponsored run then please let us know as this would really help to boost our fundraising.
- Or alternatively if you would like to run your own event to help fundraise, we will do everything we can to support you.

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Now on to the fun stuff we have planned for the upcoming months, please save these dates in your calendar.

### **Monster School Disco Friday 20th October 2023**

An opportunity for your little ones to dress up for this! (if they wish). A twist on the usual school disco ...this one promises to stay on the right side of Spooky. Details will follow nearer the time.

### **PTA Fireworks Saturday 4th November 2023**

Full details for the fireworks will follow nearer the time.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the planning and running of the fireworks display, we have a **meeting on Wednesday 27th September at 8pm at The Rose & Crown**, if you can then please join us & help plan this big event. If you are not available for the meeting but would like to get involved please contact Paolo Zambelli [paolo@ashwellpta.co.uk](mailto:paolo@ashwellpta.co.uk)

### **Brainstrust Bass Belle 26th November 2023**

Some of you may remember that last year we had a team of parents & staff entered into the BassBelle 10-mile race based in & around Bassingbourn. It was great fun & raised an amazing amount of money for the school £1,522. So far, we have a team of three, including our new treasurer. The organiser has agreed that we can still have late entries... so if you are up for the 10-Mile challenge please sign up asap, the entry will be closing shortly.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brainstrust-bass-belle-10-miler-tickets-668177535997>

for more information please email us at [info@ashwellpta.co.uk](mailto:info@ashwellpta.co.uk)

If you would like to show your support, please sponsor our team by donating on the link below.

<https://gofund.me/e1324a98>

### **PTA supported year 6 Christmas Bazaar Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

This year we are looking to expand on the traditional year 6 Christmas Bazaar by having an afternoon to early evening event for both pupils and parents. Updates on this will be sent out nearer the date as details are finalised.

We welcome all help and support running these events and Thank you in advance

The PTA Committee

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**To have a look at the PTA & Class Reps family tree > PTO**

HANNAH VICE CHAIR



Hi my name is Paolo, my son Freddie is in year 1, I have another son Vinnie, who will hopefully be following in his big brothers footsteps in a few years time. I work for a house builder as well as having my own architectural design company.

PAOLO CHAIRMAN



JAMIE PTA



I'm Jamie! Dad to Toby in Year 1. I joined the PTA to stay involved with my kids education & give something back to the school and community. By day I work as a software engineering manager and by night as a technician at the Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage.

FABIO PTA



Hello I'm Fabio, dad to Willow & Olive, I'm a Tottenham supporter, a bit of a geek & known for being the willy wonka of the gelato world! I love cooking and swimming in the open water! I once swam the channel for diabetes UK.

VICKY SECRETARY



Hello, I'm Vicky mum to Federico (yr1) & 1yr old Vincenzo. Im very Creative ive worked in Luxury retail Design & Visual Merchandising and more recently as a Creative manager. I'm hoping I can put these skills to good use in the PTA....along with a passion for being organised!

ALI TREASURER



Hi, I'm Ali. I'm a secondary school teacher and mum of three. I joined the PTA because I really enjoy being part of a team and I want to help the school and the children in it to enjoy their time as much as possible.

CLAIRE YR5



I'm Claire, Mum to Martha yr 5 & Matilda yr 1. I'm looking forward to being more involved with the PTA this year & helping support the school community with lots more wonderful events & activities X

CHRISSIE YR4



I feel privileged to be part of such a great school community. I have two children at the school (year 4 & 6) and I help to run the second hand uniform shop.



FRAN YR2

JO YR3

I'm so grateful to be part of such a fantastic PTA community and supporting the work of the school! Being alongside so many outstanding, giving people on the PTA is fantastic! I look forward to another successful & fun year ahead.

YVONNE YR6



I'm Yvonne Wright, I have 1 child Charlotte who is in year 6. I'm an accountant running my accountancy practice. Most people will know me from my time on the PTA, I have been a class rep for 7 years!

ROSIE RECEPTION



Hi, I'm Rosie. My daughter Emily is in reception and her sister Darcy will hopefully join nursery next year. We live in Hinxworth. As well as looking after the girls I work with my husband running our company, Veale Fine Jewellery.

HARRIET NURSERY



MERRY YR1



I have three children at Ashwell school in Year 5, Year 3, and Nursery class. I also run chess club!

I have two children at Ashwell primary school (years 1&3) and am Treasurer of the village preschool.

Ashwell School PTA Committee & Class Representatives 2023 - 2024

