

Welcome back

AGM and New Committee for 2019/20

Thanks go out to

Lisa Holmes

Jenny Godderidge

Leighanne Campbell

For all your help on the PTA committee over the years and we look forward to seeing you at the odd disco or two, fayre, gift stall as a Friend of the PTA.

Thank also go to Kirsty Sweeney for continuing with the pre loved uniform sales and Rebecca Amos for running with the Christmas cards.

Welcome to the PTA Scott and Colleen McCallum and a warm welcome back to Katherine Ashwell. The committee currently stands as

Emma Bush—Chair

Gemma Wright—Vice Chair

Christina Pitchford—Secretary

Collen McCallum—Treasurer

Lucy Hartley—Committee Member

Clare Burke—Committee Member

Katherine Ashwell—Committee Member

Carly Manna—Committee Member

Scott McCallum—Committee Member

We always welcome new and old faces to help with all the fun events we hold for the children in order for us to fundraise then buy the items on Mrs Mills wish list.

Our next meeting is in the White Horse on October 2nd @1930hrs.

If you would like to be a friend of the PTA then please let us know either by emailing bastonschoolpta@outlook.com or the school office as the more friends/helpers we have the easier it is to hold the events to fundraise for the fun and educational extras for the children.

At the first meeting back this year we had a lovely report from Mrs Mills, thanking everyone for the hard work and commitment—we are sending this out separately as it really shows what a difference the PTA can make to a school.

Last year was a very full and busy year with creating a new library space, paying for the sports week climbing wall and the literacy spine and displays. So what could be on Mrs Mills' wish list this year?



PTA Dates for The Diary

Bags 2 School Collection
Friday 11th October

Tuck Shop
Every Friday

**Children in Need
Cake Tuck shop**
15th November

Cake Raffle
25th October
29th November

Disco
Please check your diary to see if you can help?
Thursday 17th October
Reception to Year 3
1745hrs till 1845hrs
Year 4 to Year 6
1900hrs till 2000hrs

Thursday 28th November

Thursday 30th January
2020

Movie Night
Please check your diary to see if you can help?
Pets 2 U cert
Thursday 7th November
1515hrs to 1730hrs

Christmas Fayre
Please check your diary to see if you can help?
Friday 6th December
Straight from school
1515hrs
Booking slots for Father Christmas on the bus will be available before hand

Christmas Gift Stall
Please check your diary to see if you can help?
Friday 13th December
During the school day.

Christmas Party Day
Please check your diary to see if you can help?
Friday 13th December
During the school day

School wish list ...

So here it is just a few things for us to set our fundraising sights on, to make our children's school just that little bit more special...

Farming in the Community Area

The school wish to work closely with the local farming community and teach the children about what is grown in the fields around where we live and surrounding the school and how this is done.

The area behind the two portacabins has been earmarked for this space—for raised beds for planting and crop rotation, potting shed, green house and seating and hopefully room for a few more edibles to be grown.



The PTA are going to go out and ask local farming companies and timber merchants for help creating this space. So if you know of anyone that maybe can help with funding or materials then please let us know.

Some of the items we will need

- Sleepers
- Soil
- Gravel
- Paving
- Crops
- Potting Shed
- Green House
- Gardening tools

If you are also keen to lend a hand helping create the space with digging and laying slabs etc then please let us know.

Playhouse

A new playhouse is now required to be located in the coppice area on the playing field—the old one has had to be disposed of this summer.

Lots of imagination and games take place around the playhouse especially for the younger EYFS and KS1 so we would like to get a replacement in place as soon as possible.

Outside Gazebo

This is to be placed where the old stage once sat and will be a space used not only for outside learning lessons but also for the children to use during playtime. An example of what the school would like is shown here.

Sports Week

As like last year we have also committed to pay £900 towards the 2020 Sports Week activities.

Books for the bus

We would also like to continue to help buy the latest reads for the library bus.



Library Bus Update

Bus Launch

Before we broke up for summer we invited everyone who helped with the bus with time, funding and materials to come over to school for the official launch. Jo-Anne Richardson kindly opened the bus officially for us. Without her kind offer to locate the bus in a barn during the restorations we would have been in a pickle.

The following day we held a bus open day/summer fayre. Unfortunately the weather went against us but big thanks to those that came along to support.

We are so pleased by the reactions we have had from everyone, especially the children!

All systems go!

We are now in the process of logging all the books onto the new Library Software we have purchased for school with the bus funds.

Books, books and more books!

Our remaining bus funding stands at £7000 to spend on books. We had hoped for a little more but this is a great start. We have been working closely with Peters a leading supplier of books for school Libraries and school and we hope to have our order in this week.

PTA Events

First Disco of the School Year

We will need helpers for this—look out for an email from school or our PTA Facebook page

Thursday 17th October 2019

R—YR3 1745HRS till 1845hrs and Y4—Y6 1900HRS till 2000hrs

£2.00 Entrance fee payable on the door.

Don't forget some pocket money in a named purse for sweet treats and tattoos. If your child has an allergy please come through to the hall to select with your child what they can have from the sweets, drinks etc.

Bags 2 School – We want your old clothes!

A bag has been sent home and a email/PTA Facebook post explaining what can be placed inside the bag. Please drop off bags from Monday 07th Oct until Friday 11th Oct at 2 Rous Court Baston.

1,2,3,4 We Declare a Penny War

Information will be going out about this soon. We hope you will help the children collect up all those Pennies from behind the sofa, in the kitchen drawer or maybe if they read an extra page a night for a 1p or two. They then drop the pennies in the class jar, the winning class will get a prize!

Movie Night—Pets 2—We will need helpers for this—look out for an email from school or our PTA Facebook page

We will be holding a movie night on Thursday 7th November straight from school 1515hrs till 1730hrs
Pets 2 is a U cert and more information will be coming home soon.

Christmas Fayre—We will need helpers for this—look out for an email from school or our PTA Facebook page

We hope to see more faces supporting the PTA fayre with holding the fayre straight after school on the Friday. Booking slots will be available to see the best Father Christmas in Baston on the Bus!

PTA ongoing throughout the year Fundraising

Cake Raffle

Watch out for more information about the cake raffle via school email/PTA Facebook page. If you would like to bake a cake for the raffle one month then please let us know via bastonschoolpta@outlook.com or the school office and they will pass on your details.

Tuck Shop

The Tuck shop the rota is out, if you would like to be added then let us know via email to bastonschoolpta@outlook.com or the school office and they will pass on your details.
