



Ecclesall Parents' Teachers' Friends' Association

Dear Parents and Carers

The EPTFA is a group of parents, grandparents and school staff who organise fun events for the children of Ecclesall Primary School whilst at the same time raising money for the school to spend on the optional extras that make our school such a lovely school.

For a number of reasons several of the main roles within our committee are becoming vacant and we need more volunteers to join so that we can fill these key roles. The workload is as much or as little as you want it to be; some people just attend the monthly meeting, others play a bigger part and run their own events. It is a really lovely group of people, the meetings are fun and without the EPTFA the children's school life wouldn't be as enriched!! We are responsible for the film nights, the bun sales, the discos, the summer and Christmas fayres, the fun runs, the Hallowe'en Hunts, the Toy Sales, the Christmas cards and tea towels, Y6 events, second hand clothing sales and Crazy Hair Days. Without us these events won't happen. The money we have raised has gone towards the music hub, leavers parties and hoodies, Christmas presents and parties, school books, playground markings, trim trails, percussion lessons, space rockets and poetry days, amongst numerous other things. These things could all come to an end without the support and organisation of the PTA.

We would like to give you a snippet of a few of our current members who play a role in facilitating, organisationally or financially, the fun extras for your children within Ecclesall Primary School:



Hi I'm Vicky and I am the outgoing chair of the EPTFA. I was a secondary school science teacher but I now work managing a urology cancer office. I have been on the EPTFA for 6 years, the last 3 as the chair, and I have a daughter who is in Y4 and a son who has just gone to Silverdale. I have so enjoyed my time on the EPTFA – the joy and excitement of the children at a bun sale or seeing Father Christmas or dancing wildly at a disco is just a wonderful thing to be part of. The meetings are fun and I have met lots of lovely parents from other years as a member of this group and I love the fact that I have had a small role in providing the fabulous school environment that our children are lucky enough to be part of.



Hi, I am Natalie, the outgoing vice chair of the committee, and mum to Sam in Y6 and Arlo in Y2, and also Reggie, who is at nursery. I am a hospital doctor in the NHS. I love a good quiz and spending time outside enjoying the countryside wherever possible! I have been involved with EPTFA since Sam started school, and it is such a lovely, friendly group of people. They have such a positive impact on the experience of all of the children at our school; organising events that bring enjoyment to the whole school community, and fundraising to support all of the additional activities and resources that enhance day-to-day school life. Being part of the group has helped me feel connected to school life, while giving me the flexibility to volunteer my time for specific events as and when I am able.



Hi, I'm Katie. I'm mum to Joe in Y6 and Sam in Y9. I joined the EPTFA when Sam was in reception, and I've been secretary for the past few years. I joined because I wanted to meet other parents as well as get involved in the fun events we run. Over the years I've made lots of great friends and had loads of fun (mince pies and mulled wine whilst making reindeer dust and snowflakes is a favourite!). I've also loved running the craft room at the Christmas fayre for the past few years. I work at RHH as a pharmacist on the Infectious Diseases wards and in my spare time I enjoy running in the peak district and sewing.



Hi I'm Tom and I have been the EPTFA treasurer for the last 3 years. I have two girls in Y5 and Y3. I currently work as a Fraud Analytics Manager for a bank. The best bit about being involved is seeing the kids having fun at the different events and then benefitting from so many great things that the monies have raised. My daughters have loved getting involved in the PTA events and it's lovely to see the impact this has first hand. It has also been nice for me to get involved in something a bit different in the last few years and to meet people I wouldn't have normally met.



Hi, I'm Ruth. I joined the PTA seven years ago when my eldest child started school. He's now at Silverdale and I have two daughters at Ecclesall, one in Y2 and the other in Y5. I work part time as a primary school teacher, currently teaching Reception. I joined the PTA because I wanted to meet other parents and help to run events that the children would love. My kids love all of the events that we hold: bun sales, discos and especially the Christmas and Summer fayres. They're also very pleased that I'm on the PTA as they get to be special helpers and often get to test bouncy castles and peruse stalls before anyone arrives! The PTA is a really lovely thing to be part of and I've made some great friends within it.



Hi I'm Emily, I have two girls, currently in Y2 and Y6. I'm trained as an Optometrist but have taken a career break from that role and during the last year I have started my own holiday let business. I've been part of the EPTFA since my eldest joined in reception. I joined because I wanted to help out where I could and have a bit more of an understanding of what the school events were like. I have really enjoyed meeting lots of lovely, parents/grandparents/carers/teachers on the EPTFA and throughout the school. Also it is so rewarding to see the kids enjoy an event the team have organised or to hear how much they love a new resource or activity that the fundraising has paid for. I can highly recommend getting involved!



Hello I'm Melanie, mum to Olivia in year 6 and Felix in year 4 as well as step-mum to Ava who is in year 12 at Silverdale. I work 4 days per week as a Business Development Manager at Irwin Mitchell and as my role is national I am all over the place! I also lead the Regional Advisory Group for the Children's Hospital Charity. I've been on the EPTFA since Olivia started school! I get involved in most things and have led on the film nights (one coming this term!). I love having a good time, working alongside a great group of people. It's brilliant to be able to help raise money to support our children and see the kids having so much fun!

We'd love more people to join us! You can get involved as little or as much as you want; be a committee member or volunteer in one of the vacant roles – we need to replace the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Social Secretary and Media Secretary. If you are interested please come and find one of us in the playground for a chat or email us on ecclesallptfa.volunteers@gmail.com. Or come along to the AGM on 18th September at 8pm in the Music Hub to find out more - no pressure I promise!

We look forward to hopefully meeting you.

Best wishes

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