



Thursday 14th September 2023

Hi everyone,

I hope you all had a lovely summer break and all children are happy to be back in school.

From being back in the school yard it is clear that we have some new families throughout the school, this is really great to see and it will be lovely to get to know you all better over the coming weeks.

My name is Jess Storey and I am the current PTA chair at Irthington, I have a little boy in year 4, called Joseph.

I hope to get a date for the PTA AGM soon, hopefully this will be a chance for as many as possible to attend and drum up ideas together for the forthcoming academic year.

If anyone is unsure of what the PTA are or what the purpose of the PTA is I'd encourage you to try and make the PTA meetings throughout the year.

In short, the PTA is a charity designed to raise funds for the school, in order to provide further funds toward school projects. We are currently working towards raising enough money to have a running track put onto the school field. In the past we have been able to buy

laptops, provide outdoor shelter, play equipment and help with costs of trips and excursions. All of these things massively enhance the learning of our children.

The PTA meetings and events are also a brilliant way to bring the community together, allow the children to associate outside of school hours and for us as parents to get to know each other a bit more.

Although I don't have any dates confirmed yet, we will be looking forward to the Christmas fair next half term and potentially a disco before October half term.

We are all aware that the school diary fills up fast with the many fun and exciting things our children are enabled to do by the hardworking staff at Irthington, so I am really looking forward to seeing some old faces and definitely the new ones at our up and coming PTA fundraisers.

If you would like to be added to the PTA Whatsapp group please contact me on 07702470259; this is a great way to keep up with what's going on and how to offer help for the events.

I'll end this letter with a simple plea, I'm not too shy to beg! Please help in any way you can at any event! I am quite possibly the most disorganised mum at the school and I forget a LOT, so I would be hugely grateful of support, reminders, ideas, suggestions, ANYTHING!

...One more thing, if you don't know who I am you can always speak to Mrs Harrison, she always keeps things correct and running smoothly!

Thanks so much in advance,

Jess Storey