



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Hi Everybody,

First of all, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that managed to make the AGM on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, it was really great to see so many faces and hear a buzz of ideas for the year going forward.

It is exciting and scary how fast this academic year is going, and as spring approaches (Hurrah!), we have a fun fundraiser to look forward to.

**PTA coffee morning** will be held in school on the last day of term, Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. Although we seem to have all bases covered to ensure the event can run smoothly we are still in great need of willing bakers; therefore please do let myself or Mrs Harrison know if you can send in some baked goods for the cake stall. If anyone who has not yet been able to attend or help at an event and would like to get more involved please do still volunteer as it is a great opportunity to see what goes into running the PTA events and it will never be a case of, too many cooks spoil the broth; rather, it will always be, the more the merrier!

**Great North Air Ambulance delivery and collection** will begin the week commencing the 20<sup>th</sup> March. Staff will send out the labelled bags to all children, the bags can then be filled at your leisure and returned to school for collection on the 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> of April. We still do need a band of volunteers for deliveries to surrounding areas and collected again on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. If you can help at all please do speak with myself or Mrs Harrison.

It has been suggested that it would be hugely helpful if van or pickup owners could offer to help with collections as there are often so many bags that it takes a car multiple trips. Again, if you own a van or a pickup and would be available to help with collecting please just let me know.

**Get Your Greek On School Summer Fair-** our third and final exciting date for the diary is our Greek themed summer fair, which as previously detailed will go ahead on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. With an array of stalls, games and activities to run we are in great need of volunteers for this event in order to make it the huge success we would all love it to be.

Please speak to myself or Mrs Harrison if you are able to help in any way at the summer fair. We were hoping to have a few groups to run different stalls and activities so all staff and parents attending have an opportunity to experience the fair as well as help out.

#### **Stalls/Games/Activities**

Bar, BBQ, cakes and puddings, inflatable, fancy dress comp, Fairtrade stall, bottle tombola, hook a duck, £50 note, straw game/Madagascar/ play your cards right, beat the goalie, face painting, tattoos, raffle, timed game, find me activity, bottle stall, book stall.

So far we have the above suggested, however if anyone would like to suggest something new that would be most welcomed! If you would like to help with one of the already suggested stalls please just get in touch.

One final item that was raised at the meeting, that I wasn't already aware of, so feel other parents may not be too, as a school we are hoping to raise enough money to have a mile track laid! I know I have used this word too many times already, but how **exciting** is that! I know if we all chip in where we can and try to be as organised as possible, the chance of raising the money for the track is entirely possible and what a huge asset a mile track would be to Irthington Village, the school and most importantly the amazing children who attend. I'm sure we are all aware of the wonderful physical and mental benefits running and walking have, so it would be brilliant to have something like a track available to encourage our young ones into moving more outdoors.

I look forward to getting to know more of you over the coming months and working altogether to create lots of opportunities for fun and fundraising to maximise the education, wellbeing and happiness of the staff who work tirelessly to make our children's school life a fantastic one!

PTA Chair

Jess Storey (Sadie and Joseph's mum)