

As parents leave the school, we need new volunteers to ensure the PTA continues.

# REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA

## **Support the school**

Events held at school and funds raised enrich your child's learning and their school experience.

## **It's fun and rewarding**

Volunteering is a fun experience. Seeing the children enjoying events you've organised/helped at makes it very rewarding

## **Create lasting memories**

Our children are only at school for a short time, but they will remember the fun and the events held and how they benefited from the funds raised.

## **Have your say**

Give your input into how funds raised should be spent.

## **It's totally flexible**

Everyone can get involved, it's not as much of a commitment as you think. You can put in as much or as little time as you want

## **Be better connected**

Create closer links with the school, staff and other parents, and gain a better understanding of what's going on in school.

## **Use your skills**

Everyone has something they can bring to help, it can be an opportunity to use your skills and learn some new ones.

We are always looking for fresh ideas and suggestions - the more the merrier!  
If you can help, please get in touch!  
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# Welcome from Ashdon PTA

We are the Ashdon PTA and we would like to welcome you to into the school community.

Our goal is to provide the funding to help enhance and further the children's learning experiences and opportunities. Our funds benefit all the children and come from the fundraising initiatives and events we hold during the school year.

When you support us, you're not just baking a cake, attending an event or giving up your time by volunteering – you're buying play equipment for your child to use at break time, technology for their classroom, books for the school library and fun learning experiences. You're also making new friends, strengthening the school community and helping to make your child's school an even better place. It's great for the kids too – there's a direct link between parental involvement at school and how well children do. Being involved in the PTA not only improves your child's school, it makes you an excellent role model.

In recent years, we've funded;

- Blinds for KS1 classrooms
- Wireless microphone system so the children can be heard properly in sharing assemblies etc
- The services of our fantastic and much sought after music teacher
- Workshops run by external companies to enhance the curriculum based topics
- Icecreams for all children at Sports Day
- Year 6 leavers treats including hoodies and a surprise trip
- T-shirts and banners for Ashdon's participation in the Saffron Walden Carnival procession

We've held a number of events throughout the years including

- The annual Ashdon 10k, 3k and fun run
- Christmas Fayre
- Wreath making night
- Race Night
- Quiz Night
- Wine Tasting
- 80's Night
- Krispy Crème Doughnut Sales
- Raffles
- Regular textile collections

You don't even have to wait until September to start fundraising, sign up now

- You can find our easyfundraising page at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ashdonprimarypta](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ashdonprimarypta)
- Buy a ticket at [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)
- Select Ashdon PTA as your chosen charity at amazon smile

We all have something to give. Even if you have younger children at home or only a small amount of time could you come to a meeting, help set up an event, serve food or design a poster? Perhaps you have a professional skill you could help us out with? You don't have to come into the school; many of our volunteering tasks can be done from home. The most important skills you can bring are enthusiasm and a willingness to get stuck in.

Look out for our newsletters and parent mails from the school.

If you would like to know more about the kinds of things we run and the events we hold, please join our Facebook group **[www.facebook.com/groups/ashdonparentguru](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ashdonparentguru)**

We look forward to meeting you!

*from your PTA*