



## PTA Newsletter September 2017

Hello and welcome back to the start of a new school term. We hope you have all had a relaxing summer! A warm welcome to all new parents/carers at the school, we look forward to seeing you at our future fundraising events and maybe even at a meeting or two.



On Friday 22nd September we will be having our AGM which is to be held at The Artichoke in Broome at 7.30pm, you are all welcome to come along and see what we are all about. You may be able to help at future events, be willing to join up or just come along and see what we are all about, there's no pressure from us. This meeting will also confirm dates for future events this term and what help is needed for each. If we do not have enough helpers some events may have to be cancelled this year.

There will also be a few changes on the board this year as myself Emma Brooks (joint chairperson), Nicola Cave (Treasurer) and Claire Forder (Cake committee) are all stepping down from our roles. We do have others interested in these roles and this will be confirmed on the night. Personally for me I have loved my time as joint chair with Becky but I feel its time to let someone else take my place as my working hours have increased and my spare time is more limited. Since Becky and I have been joint chairs of the PTA we have raised a huge amount of money and contributed to many items, events and equipment within the school and without the never ending support of you all this would not have been possible.

Heres to name but a few:

Play Equipment £20,000  
Leavers hoodies  
Leavers gifts and a donation towards their leavers treat days  
Donation to Iris's nurture room  
Donations to various school trips  
School Discos twice a year  
Christmas Parties  
Pantomime trip for the whole school 2014  
Keyboards for iPads in Swifts  
Outside playhouse for Sparrows  
Puppet Theatre and sand/water table for Skylarks  
Christmas Trees for the school  
Entertainer at the fete 2014  
Entertainer at Disco/Party  
EBB Tide Band at the last two Summer Sundowns  
New cushion beanbags for Swallows garden



Carrying on from this we are currently fundraising for the school playground to be painted. We will be holding a competition in the next few weeks for the best design.

More details to follow.

Emma and Becky...xx      Joint Chairs On behalf of Ellingham School PTA