

# NEWS

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## Friends of OLSH

We are delighted to announce that Friends of OLSH is now official. The committee was elected and appointed at the AGM on 19/5/22, consisting of Chair and Treasurer. Every parent & carer is automatically a general member of the association, if you wish to stay in the loop or become an elected member, send us an email of interest at [FriendsOfOLSH@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfOLSH@gmail.com).

### The committee...

Riz Ahmed is the founding member and Chair of FOLSH. Riz has worked behind the scenes over a period of months to get it up and running, she is passionate about contributing to the school community. You might also recognise her as the Chess Club coach.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

These are just some of the events that we wish to plan for the Summer term.

- Bake Sales
- Book Sale
- Summer Fair
- Yr 6 Disco

If you wish to hold a stall at our Summer Fair, please contact us for terms.



Contact us:



Facebook Group: Friends of OLSH



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### The committee...

Tracy Parsons is the Treasurer of FOLSH. Tracy has worked closely alongside Riz and will continue to do so. Tracy has a vital role in FOLSH. As Treasurer, she will ensure that the funds are calculated and allocated accordingly, in a fair and transparent manner.

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is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!

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# Fact from fiction

## WHAT IS A PTA?

A PTA (aka Friends group, Parents Association or something else) is an open and friendly group of parents and (depending on the type of group) teachers, extended family and members of the local community, working towards a common goal; supporting the education of the children at your school and strengthening the school community.

## Everyone's invited

Now that your child has started at school, you're automatically a member of the parent association. How involved you choose to become is up to you. If you're passionate about making a difference and want to be involved in running the association, you might want to consider joining the committee. If you have ideas to share or want to know more about the group, head along to the next meeting.

## IT WON'T TAKE OVER YOUR LIFE (unless you want it to!)

There are always plenty of opportunities to volunteer for your PTA. Whether you work full-time, part-time, or you're a stay-at-home parent, any time you can offer will be welcomed. PTAs are involved in a huge range of activities, all with varying time commitments, so how much or how little you choose to get involved really is up to you.

## IT'S GREAT FOR THE KIDS (even if they don't realise it)

Studies show there's a direct link between parental involvement at school and how well children do. When they see us involved in their school and learning, it encourages them to do their best. Being active in a parent group not only improves your child's school, it makes you an excellent role model.

## It's good for you

The PTA is a fast way to get to know other parents and school staff. Feeling part of a community is a very real human need – and more practically, these friendships create a support network. Chances are there will be opportunities for you to learn new skills, and who knows, you may even discover some hidden talents!

## We all have something to offer

It doesn't matter how many children you have, how old you are, or what your background is; the skills that PTAs need are so diverse, everyone has something to offer. Of course, if you have book-keeping experience you could be a future treasurer, and anyone showing a creative flair might be asked to design a poster or two - but the most important skills you can bring to your PTA are enthusiasm and a willingness to get stuck in.

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