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## Tilston School Association Be PARI OF SOMETHING SPOORL J





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#### Hello and welcome to your TSA 2018 - 2019 school year !

Our first order of business is to say **Thank You! Thank You!** to the parents who attended this years Annual general meeting, it was really fantastic to see so many new faces present. **Thank You!** to our parents, children and the Tilston community, with your support and contributions throughout 2017-18 we raised a whopping **£2,849!** This money is an invaluable addition to helping make Tilston Primary School a great place for our children to learn and grow.

Regretfully, we are sad to say that two of our long standing and valued members of the TSA committee will be stepping down from their roles. So **Thank You!** Sarah Berisa for your work as Treasurer and keeping our accounts ship shape these past few years.

And last but not least, we extend a very special and huge **THANK YOU!** to Louise Morris -O'Neil for her **8 Years**! as Chair of the TSA.

"Louise we truly thank you and your family for your many years of commitment, dedication and service to our school. You have always gone above and beyond your role and have made such a tremendous contribution! We hope this next year we can do you proud and that for the first time in a long time you will be able to attend and really enjoy a school event with your family whilst we make you a cup of tea! all the best Lou and Thank You!" Tilston School Association Committee



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#### New Team - Tilston School Association Committee



**Chair** Amanda Barr

(Ruby yr4)



**Vice Chair** Jo Hooker

#### (Daniel Yr4)



**Secretary** Mary Richardson

(Fraser Yr3 and Georgie yr5 )



Treasurer

Kirsty Edgington

(Charlotte Yr4 , Joseph yr3 and alexander Y1)



**Co** - **Signatory** 

Carla Wallace - Clark

(Toby Yr4)



**Publicity** 

Fiona Pountney

(Finley Yr3 and Elliot yrR)



Health & Wellbeing

Lucy Cheshire

(Lilla Yr1)



A Note to All Our Committee Members

Whilst we don't have room on the page for all your lovely fresh faces , old and new, please remember these are just the new titled roles and we really value everything that you do as a committee member

If you haven't signed up already please take a look at our new Mobile App' PTA Social', its an easy first step to helping us make our community bigger and something really special! For those less interested in tech, just grab one of us above anytime for info.



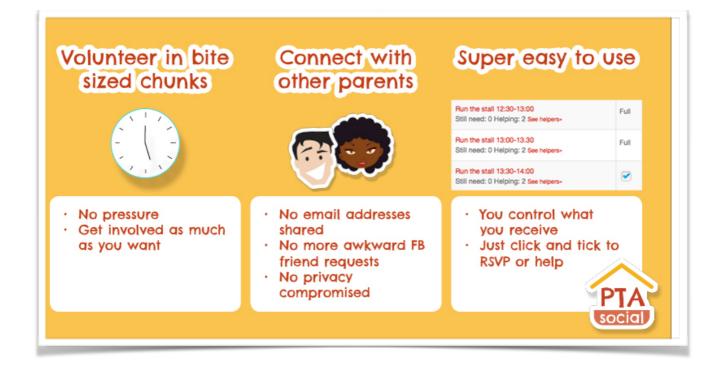
### **'PTA SOCIAL'**

This year we would like to trial a new app called 'PTA Social' to deliver and manage communication and events for Tilston School Association. In summary it is a great way for you as a parent to be connected and engaged in all aspects of TSA business at anytime of the day! The app gives you access to a streamlined one-stop shop that is private and safe , that gives you an opportunity to suggest your ideas and give feedback, keep up to date with whats happening, where and when , contact other parents and click and tick to sign up as a helper for events .

Obviously whilst we hope most will find this a much improved method of engagement we know that technology is not for everyone so all information will continue to be shared on the school website and in the weekly newsletter as normal.



## Why should I bother registering as a member on PTAsocial?



#### Contact other parents at school easily

Ever wanted to arrange a playdate or a lift for your child but did not have the other parent's number or email? You can send a message to any member without needing to know this. (However, if you are the unsociable sort - you can easily choose not to receive private messages.) Very soon we'll be providing a general chat board, a bit like that other social network - you know the one ;) BUT without the bragging newsfeed causing social paranoia! No friend count envy here, just be put in touch with your school community -- pure, simple, convenient.

#### Stay in the Loop

If you want to hear about your PTA's news and events, or even class nights out, coffee mornings, playdates etc, this is going to be the easiest way to keep in touch. You have more control over the communications you receive than you would if you simply handed out your email address. It connects you with your school community online, without compromising your privacy. No need to be left out, even if you work full-time.

#### Keep school news private and secure

Some schools use social media to share news, however interaction can sometimes be limited, mixing home / friend /teacher streams or over e-safety concerns for the kids. There are also those who choose not to have a Facebook account for instance, or worry about accidentally sharing news with the wrong audience. PTAsocial keeps school news separate, providing a safe and private way to communicate with your school community.

## More convenient than printing and returning slips of paper

You'll get an email about an upcoming event, and can click a button to RSVP or pick a specific task / timeslot you want to help with. You can even see who else is already helping. Any time you want to access details of any event, no more rummaging for a crumpled slip of paper, it's **just a click and tick** away, even on any mobile browser. Check your profile page to see remind yourself what events you're attending, or what you've volunteered for.

#### Tailored to \*your\* personal needs

Only hear about relevant updates, get messages meant just for you or for volunteers on your specific task only. You'll even get a reminder of what you volunteered for. You can set your profile picture and update your personal email preferences any time to turn off various types of notifications. In fact **you'll have more control over your email inbox than ever!** 

#### Your privacy is protected

You will not be joining some spammy email list -- PTAsocial takes your privacy very seriously and keeps your data securely. We will never sell your data to third parties, and have no intention of spamming you. We lay out the terms and conditions and privacy policy clearly when you sign up.

#### Environmentally friendly

The amount of paper wasted on print outs and reply-slips, not to mention the hassle photocopying, distributing, collecting and processing replies.

#### Building a community

Joining your school community on PTAsocial is of overall benefit to the school children. The combined goodwill, skills and experience of the parent community is a powerful combination, and PTAsocial will help you to connect safely and efficiently, increasing serendipity and opportunities for parents to contribute a wide rage of skills. Let your children benefit from a strong and connected school community. Without PTAsocial, communication is more difficult and every time a new committee starts they have the monumental task of re-building a network of helpers. PTAsocial helps schools break away from the pitfalls of potential cliques forming and makes it an inclusive and rewarding experience for everyone!

PTAsocial is simple, intuitive and convenient to use: JUST CLICK & TICK!

It's here to make your life easier, so register now on your school website or accept your invitation when it arrives...



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