



Dear all

I am delighted to be writing to you as the new Chair of the PTFA, alongside Will Haine (Treasurer) and Jo Etches (Secretary). Together we have children at the school in years Reception, 1, 2, 3 and 4, so you probably know at least one of us already!

I must first thank my predecessor, Alison Potter, along with the previous committee of Amber Moore, Lucy Cooper and Jenni Capel for the years of hard labour they have put in for the school, supported always by the indomitable Aimie Cotrill. The parties, balls, fayres, quizzes, raffles, bingo nights and countless other events have been a massive part of the social life of the school for children and parents alike, and the money raised has paid for classes and clubs, and even helped fund the fantastic new MUGA. A huge thank you to you all, and to everyone else who has contributed to these events and donated to the school over the years.

As we look ahead, we see the dawn of a new era at the Curzon under the leadership of our wonderful new Head, Mrs. Fletcher. These are exciting times for the school, and we all know the staff and teaching at the school are second to none, but the school still needs our support now more than ever.

Fortunately, there are a number of ways you can help.

The simplest and most efficient is to donate directly through the PTFA's donation page where we can reclaim gift aid:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalCharityHomepage.action?charityId=1020297>

Any money raised through this site goes to support the school to offer a wider range of field trips and extracurricular activities, and to ensure we have the best facilities and equipment in every class. Our aim this year is to get interactive whiteboards for the classrooms. Please note this site will only be accepting donations up until 30th November, by which time we hope to have a new facility in place.

The school has also curated an Amazon Wishlist full of great books and teaching materials following feedback from parents about the need to modernise our reading scheme and in response to teachers' wishes to update the maths resources in school.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2NB47FIQDTSPX/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist

This is a super way to contribute and anything you purchase will be delivered directly to the school.

Last, but certainly not least, is to get involved with organising or supporting events and fundraising activities. I have already spoken to many parents who are keen to get involved. You are all members of the PTFA, and your energy, enthusiasm, ideas and generosity will be the making of all our future events and fundraising. So, I urge you to ask not what your PTFA can do for you, but what you can do for your PTFA.

Upcoming Dates

One date for your diaries already is the Disco on the 15th December, organised by Mrs. Fletcher with support from parents lead by Steph and Donna. Thanks to all of you for your efforts in bringing us this event. Please anyone get in touch if you'd like to help before or on the day. Don't forget the non-uniform day on 26th November too, which is raising money to cover the cost of the event.

Please also look out for raffle tickets for the Christmas Raffle on sale after half term. There have already been some great prizes donated, but if you are able to donate a raffle prize or help sell tickets please do.

Finally, we are issuing a call to arms for any persons willing to serve on the Ball Committee to help organise and deliver this year's Curzon Ball. The Ball has been the stand-out social occasion of years gone by, and we're hoping this year's will be bigger and better than ever!

I look forward to working alongside all of you to make the Curzon the best school it can be for our children, at the heart of our community.

Thanks to you all

Dan Gelderd

On behalf of the PTFA Committee