

Welcome to Crwys Primary School!

This information has been put together by Crwys Primary PTA especially for you, as a new family joining our school community. Starting school is an exciting time for the whole family. Studies show that there's a direct link between parental involvement and how well children do, so why not get involved from the start!

Why do we have a PTA?

We are fortunate at our school to have a charity that's an integral part of the school community.

Over the years we have raised thousands of pounds, which has been spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's educational experience and the school's facilities.

Our association is about much more than fundraising, it also provides closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school.

All parents and members of the school community are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available. All families are automatically members of Crwys PTA when their child joins our school.

Role of the Committee

Our committee consists of

Chair – Lauren Rogers

Vice Chair – TBC

Secretary – Kirstie Williams

Treasurer – Kelly-Marie Besley

The committee meets on a regular basis and holds open PTA meetings, any member can come along, find out what the association are planning, share ideas and get involved.

Volunteers

We welcome any help from parents, teachers and friends, and have a growing list of volunteers who commit some of their time to helping the association. Every little helps, so just one hour of assisting at an event or wrapping lucky dip prizes would be invaluable. If you would like to join us please speak to a committee member, come along to our next meeting or email us at

crwysprimarypta@gmail.com.

Class Representatives

Our class reps play a very important roll, providing a link between individual classes and parents, and the PTA committee. The support from class reps is vital when it comes to organising our main events, from selling tickets to organising rotas of help. We really could not manage without them.

Your class rep should make themselves known to you so you can be added to the class whatsapp group. Alternatively you can also ask the teacher who the rep is or email the PTA and we can inform them. In order to comply with GDPR joining the whatsapp group will mean your contact number will be visible to all within the chat/class, therefore if you do not wish to share this information you do not have to join.

How we raise money

Like most PTA's, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Some of our previous events include Rags2Riches, Halloween trail, Around Wales in 8 days and Break the rules day.

Donations from parents are extremely important. You can donate time, money, items for sale, raffle prizes or offer services and skills.

We also use easyfundraising to turn your everyday online shopping into free donations. You can download the app or use the links below to get started.

<https://www.easyfunding.org.uk/causes/crwysprimary/>

How we spend the money we raise

The PTA committee are responsible for deciding how our PTA funds are spent. We liase with the school who provide us with a 'wish list' of items that the school would like us to consider funding.

We also invite input from parents too, so if you have an idea of something that would benefit all the students in the school, please do share it with the committee.

Last year our purchases include the new website, 13 new laptops, a gazebo, a childrens gazebo for nursery and an art class for year 3-6. We have ongoing fundraising to replace the metal containers with new sheds in the infants yard, one of which will be used for role play.

How we keep you up to date

We send out newsletters by email which includes information on upcoming events and dates, any details of any help we are looking for and money raised following an event.

We have a PTA notice board situated on the school wall near the entrance where you'll find all our posters and news.

If you have access to facebook, please join our Crwys PTA group or on Twitter follow us @CrwysPTA.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school!