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Dear Parents and Carers,

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION – WELCOME, BALLOON RACING AND AGM

Welcome to a new school year! We thought it was time we wrote out to introduce ourselves to new parents and carers at the school, as well as let you know what the Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) is likely to be doing this year.

In usual times we would be preparing to run the Halloween disco and planning other events and activities to keep kids and adults entertained over the coming months, as well as raise funds for new investments at the school. Unsurprisingly things are having to be run somewhat differently this year, with school discos and other events put on hold until such time that the pandemic eases and school is able to release some of the controls that are currently in place.

As such we're looking into any online events that might provide a bit of fun and, for Halloween, are planning to run a virtual balloon race. This will use an online platform which mirrors real life weather patterns to push virtual balloons (which everyone tailors so they move differently) around the globe over a number of days, with prizes awarded for the ones that go furthest. We'll send out details in the coming weeks so watch this space!

In terms of investments – we've again provided a £600 enrichment fund this year (£50 for each class) to make it easier for teachers to make small and quick purchases that can have an immediate benefit to learning. We're also hoping that the new reading cabin (which had originally been planned for a few months ago) will begin construction soon on the front playground. The PTA has committed £5,500 towards this, to both build it and provide a budget for furnishings and decoration. Fingers crossed it won't get impacted by Covid-19 again, as it would be great to have more facilities available for the kids to enjoy.

Finally we will soon be holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM) where we'll be reviewing the PTA's activities and fundraising over the past year – as well as discuss future plans and elect Committee members (and trustees where needed) of the charity. **This year's AGM will take place over Zoom on Thursday 26 November 2020 at 6.30pm.** All teachers and parents/carers of



children attending Totley Primary School are members of the PTA and are welcome to attend – please just email the PTA Secretary (Rachel Nunn) at pta@totley.sheffield.sch.uk and we will arrange for the Zoom call details to be shared with you nearer the time.

Anyone is welcome to bring issues or ideas for discussion at the AGM and we'd obviously welcome any ideas for online events, as well as future investments we might make to help or improve the school in the current environment. More generally if you are interested in getting more involved in the PTA or Committee please do get in touch, as it's always great to have more people running events and helping make the school an even more fun place to be.

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you soon.

All the best,

Adam Bond & Mark Johnson
Co-Chairs, Parent & Teacher Association