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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so lucky at Totley to have a thriving PTA (Parent and Teacher Association). This is certainly not something I take for granted as I see many other schools where this isn't the case. One of the things which I feel makes our PTA so special is the fact that building a sense of community and creating memorable experiences are just as important as raising funds to improve the educational side of school. Talking to former pupils of the school recently has really made me realise how fondly they look back on many of these events and how much they enrich the fabric of school life.

Two very recent examples of the PTA's fantastic work have taken place just this past month; the first – over 160 children plus parents and carers came together to celebrate Easter time through the long-standing tradition of a Sunday Egg hunt. More recently, the children have been thoroughly enjoying the new playground markings on the junior playground during the school day. The PTA made a significant contribution to the cost of installing these. With this in mind, I thought it would be a good opportunity to make you aware of the work the PTA do.

One of the main functions of the PTA is to engage in activities or provide activities or equipment which supports the school and advances the education of the pupils. The work the PTA does has a direct impact on school life. Over last year the PTA has raised funds through various events to contribute towards different activities to benefit the children. Over the last year the PTA has raised funds to:

- contribute towards the costs of pantomime tickets and transport for all children (£2,135)
- contribute to Christmas parties for all FS2 and KS1 children (£180)
- contribute towards the Year 6 leavers' budget (£364)
- contribute towards the fantastic new playground markings on the junior playground (£2,000)
- contribute towards library books in the new library (£2,000)
- contribute towards furniture in the new school library (£4,000)

Currently the PTA is working towards a £10,000 fundraising target to buy a new set of 16 laptops and a trolley, which all children will benefit from, and a set of robots for the KS2 children to use and hopefully enter competitions in this new and innovative area of learning.

The PTA run different events throughout the year; various discos which are always a huge hit with the children, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Duck Race, Christmas Gift Swap, Quiz Night and Summer Fair. The PTA is looking for volunteers to continue and build on the great work they do. Any help you can give would be



welcomed. This could be by attending a Committee meeting and sharing ideas, helping to organise events or helping at events. There are a variety of jobs; from designing posters to organising raffle prizes to setting up in preparation for an event to selling sweets and refreshments at an event. There is no minimum time commitment - volunteering for an hour at an event once a year would make a real difference!

Any help, time and/or skills you can offer would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help please contact [pta@totley.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:pta@totley.sheffield.sch.uk).

If you are unable to help but would like to support the work of the PTA then you can do this by joining the school lottery (please visit [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for Totley Primary School) or by making a donation.

Yours sincerely

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