



Hello, and welcome to our school. We know that having your child start school for the first time is exciting and we wanted to take this opportunity to briefly introduce ourselves: We are The Friends of Ad Astra Parent Teacher Association, a group of parents, grandparents, friends and extended family of pupils of Ad Astra Infant School.

We are a charity, and our aim is to plan and lead events throughout the year that raise money to support the school by helping to subsidise trips; pay for new materials for the classrooms and provide exciting new things for your children to play with. We also want to make sure our events are fun for your children to participate in.

The type of things that we organise are as follows:

- *Movie Night*
- *School Discos*
- *Christmas Shop*
- *Christmas Grotto*
- *Quiz Night*
- *Meet the Easter Bunny event*
- *Summer Fair*
- *Ice Lolly & Cake Sales*

Recently, we have used the money that we have raised from our events to pay for things like these:

- *The play train in the EY playground*
- *New outdoor furniture for the Y1 and 2 playgrounds*
- *Contributed to new playground equipment*
- *Contributed to new Sparkle Time resources*
- *A water pump for Early Years*
- *All children receive a gift from Father Christmas*
- *Funded the leavers' presents for all Year 2 children*
- *Prizes for World Book Week and Easter Treats Day competitions*

You may be thinking that the PTA is a not for you, and quite honestly so did some of us! However, it really is a great group to become a part of, regardless of the amount of time you can commit. There is no pressure to commit any set amount of time – we are all busy parents on the PTA. Being part of our group allows you to have your say on different events throughout the year, and what it is that we want to raise money for. Sometimes just joining for the meeting and having your say is more than enough! However, without enough volunteers, we will not be able to continue to do all the amazing events we do for the school and that the children love.

When your child starts school in September, we will hold a tea and coffee (with cake!) morning so that you can come and meet us. Your support is invaluable and we would appreciate any time you can give. In the meantime, if you would like to get involved or find out what is happening this term, we have a Friends of Ad Astra Facebook Page or you can email us at [adastrapta@gmail.com](mailto:adastrapta@gmail.com).

We looking forward to welcoming you all in September.