

THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'



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Dear Parents and Carers,

PSFA Introduction

I am writing to you to make you aware of the work our PSFA (Parents, Staff and Friends Association) do for our school and the ways in which you could get involved.

What it is

The PSFA is a group of parents, carers and members of staff who meet around once a half term (6 times a year). It is also comprised of members who do not attend meetings but help with events. The PSFA organise events, such as Quiz and Chips and the upcoming Comedy Night, which raise funds that the school greatly benefit from. They also support school-run events, such as Stars In Their Eyes and the school productions, by providing refreshments on the evening.

How we benefit

The money raised by the PSFA is used across the school to buy valuable resources and to run events for our students. Members of staff submit bids to the PSFA. The PSFA evaluate each bid, looking to support bids which benefit as many students as possible.

Some examples of recent successful PSFA purchases are:

- Precision trimmers (Art)
- Drying racks (Technology)
- Mock Trial (English)
- Games, headphones, timers (Languages)
- Team PE kits (Sport and Well-Being)
- Midsummer Night's Dream production (English)
- Atlases (Geography)
- Chelsea's Story production (RSE)
- Prize day gifts
- Rocket launch car kits (Science)

As you can see, our students benefit hugely from the fundraising of the PSFA.

Unfortunately, many long serving members of the PSFA are standing down, either at the end of this academic year, or next year – because their youngest child is leaving school. Therefore, the PSFA desperately need new members and we are appealing for your help on their behalf.

How you can help

We would like you to join the PSFA and/or help with the work the PSFA does. We are aware that you all have busy lives! Please don't be put off from joining our PSFA because you think you will not be able to fully commit to attending meetings. We are happy to welcome members with a range of commitment levels. Here is the link to the PSFA page on our website which has previous minutes and a diary of events (including dates of meetings) PSFA | Ecclesbourne School

If you have any questions about what we do and how you could help, please do get in touch. My email address is hgreen@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk or you can call me directly in Upper School Office on 01332 843213

Kind Regards,

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Helen Green

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