



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

PARENTS, STAFF & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Parent

## Over £80K in 10 years! What next?

- Are you aware that on average the PSFA raises between £8,000-£10,000 each year to help the School? And over the last 10 years, it has donated more than £80,000?
- All of the money it raises helps YOUR children by funding departmental bids for “extra” resources.
- The money raised by PSFA funds things that the School and it's students may not otherwise afford – we all know how stretched School budgets (worse since the significant hikes in food, fuel, lighting costs that everyone is experiencing at present).
- Examples of these much-valued ‘extras’, have included laser cutters for the Technology Department; mental health workshops (all years); cameras for the Art Department; School atlases for Geography; whiteboards for Maths; textbooks for many departments; competition prizes; picnic benches; gardening equipment for EL; visiting authors; school excursions; many sports kits; and all Prize Day Awards. And that is only a snapshot!
- **Every child** at the School will benefit tenfold from all the PSFA funds raised during their time at Ecclesbourne, enabling their School life to be as enriched as possible.

I have been Chair for 7 years, but I am stepping down this summer. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time as Chair – I have made some wonderful friends, got to know many of the teachers, and found out more about happenings in the school than I would otherwise have done. But my youngest child is now Year 12, so I need to hand over the reins with one year to go, so I can help my replacement get to grips with PSFA activities.

## Can you help? Are you able to volunteer?

Can you see yourself being Chair? If you are efficient and organised, then the Secretary role is for you! Do you have a group of friends with whom you can join to take the PSFA in a new direction? You can help us with publicity, raffle and bar sales, or be an Ideas Person suggesting new activities to help us raise funds. Do you have ideas that you could take forward to help to develop the PSFA portfolio? We are looking at the possibility of other exciting events as we speak, but would love the input from a range of new parents.

We've recruited a new Treasurer for 2024, but have many other fun roles available if you have time to spare – it need not be a huge commitment, but will give you the opportunity to put something back into the School for your children, find out about School activities and make life-long friends. Whatever your skills, or time available, we'd love to have you on board.



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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

## Let's dispel some myths about the PSFA at Ecclesbourne:

- **It's just for Mums** – NO! PSFA stands for Parents, Friends and Staff – so everyone is welcome to come and help out – parents (including dads!), grandparents, or anyone from the local community.
- **It's the same as Primary School PTA activities which take up too much time** – NO! Joining the PSFA at Ecclesbourne is nothing like being on a Primary School PTA – you can give as much – or as little – time as you can spare. Every hour helps!
- **You need to be at all meetings and events** – NO! you could just attend one event per year and never manage to come to a PSFA meeting at all – the time commitment you give is up to you. You can join our email list of Volunteers and will get told about forthcoming activities, and only volunteer when you have time.
- **I don't have time to help** – Well, we get it, we all have busy lives! But even if you can't attend events and meetings, **you can support us in other ways** – sign up to EasyFundraising, book a table at the Quiz and Chips with your friends, bring someone to the Comedy Night, buy raffle tickets and drinks when you attend school concerts and parents evenings.
- **It's likely to be too cliquey for me** – We are a friendly bunch, who want to help the School and we have a laugh doing so. I've made some fab friends on the PSFA (including teachers) and there is never a dull moment. Our only focus is on helping the School to raise funds to help ALL our children.

PSFA fundraising events take place throughout the school year and (at present) include support at Parents' Evenings; staffing a bar at School productions; selling raffle tickets; Nearly New Uniform sales; Quiz & Chips evenings. And this year, we have introduced some new fundraisers, including our very successful Comedy Nights.

If you are able to get involved with any of these, we would love to hear from you. Or if you would just like to know more about the Ecclesbourne PSFA, please get in touch with me in any of the following ways

- [events@ecclesbournepsfa.co.uk](mailto:events@ecclesbournepsfa.co.uk)
- 07977 578 359 – text or what's app
- Message the Ecclesbourne PSFA Facebook page

I look forward to hearing from (lots of) you!

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