



LONG CRENDON SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

The PTA and its fund raising is a crucial aspect of our school but is under threat!

In the current financial climate, the school is facing a yearly task of 'balancing the books'. In order for us to provide the children with an education that fulfils the curriculum and gives the children a wider understanding of the world without going in to financial deficit, we have had to make decisions as to how we allocate the money that is available to us. This has meant that over the years we have relied heavily on the PTA and it's fund raising to be able to keep the school up to date and enjoyable for the children to attend. We have had a complete new ICT suite in the past, the different topic days that the children love dressing up for have been paid for by the PTA, even resources for different curriculum areas have been supported by the PTA.

At the moment we are looking to replace our much needed, fading, network server in school and install WiFi. We have been given a fantastic opportunity by the Thame Partnership to save a huge amount of money if we purchase through them in the next month. In school, we have limited funds and would like to be able to use money from the PTA (in excess of £2000). This will then reduce the PTA to a limited balance and we have many other projects that we desperately need taking up, e.g. revamping the school library.

Without the PTA, resources for the children will dwindle which will make learning and teaching a difficult feat!

The PTA is again without a Chair person due to illness. We are pleading with all of you to consider taking on the role of Chair otherwise the PTA will have to fold – something that we as a school just cannot afford. The chair person provides leadership for the committee, sets the agenda for meetings and manages meetings in line with the agenda. They do not have to commit to organising any PTA events or take on a larger role other than chairing meetings and being the front face for the PTA. Our PTA is incredibly active, with sub-committees for each annual event that is held, e.g. fireworks, Christmas bazaar, quiz night, etc. We meet as a whole PTA committee once every half term (more if there are major events or decisions to be made) and so the role is not too time consuming.

Please will you consider becoming Chair or Vice-Chair? In order to spread the load, we would love it if we had two Chairs and two Vice-Chairs; this would mean that meetings can go ahead as planned if someone is ill or unable to attend. Perhaps two of you might be able to get together and share a role?

The PTA will be meeting again next Wednesday (18th November). Please either come along or show your interest by letting someone who is attending the meeting know. If nobody steps forward we will have to make some difficult decisions about folding the PTA!

Many thanks

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