

## Welcome Booklet For New Parents

Welcome to our school. It can be strange and a little nerve wracking starting a new school for both children and parents. There are always a lot of questions to ask, and this short booklets aims at providing you with some information about the PTA which forms a major part of school life.

The Newburgh PTA is a group of volunteers made up of parents (both mums and dads) and teachers within the school. As a parent/carer of a child at Newburgh you are automatically a member of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

We meet as a committee once a month and organise the running of many fundraising events held throughout the year such as The Reception Tea Party, School Fairs and Cake Sales to name just a few. These meetings are also where decisions are made on how to spend the money throughout the school. It is also a fantastic opportunity to meet other parents, get to know the teachers in the school and have a direct say on decisions that will affect your child, as well as feeling more connected to the school.

The PTA is more than simply fundraising. We provide closer links between home and school and bring staff, parents and friends together socially, all in support of the school, whilst working towards a common goal. We are fortunate to have a PTA that is such an integral part of the school community, and in its time we have raised thousands of pounds which have been spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's education experience and the school facilities. Not all of our events are run as fundraisers. The children's discos and Christmas carol concerts are run with the aim of giving the children a good time and a way of thanking the families for their continued support.



## How can you help?

he PTA depends on a continual cycle of parent involvement. We are all volunteers and help however we can. Some parents work full time, some part time, but none of us are specialised in fundraising..... we all do it for the love of our children and to improve the quality of education at our school.

There are many ways you can be involved with the PTA, everyone has a different skill to offer. You don't have to attend the meetings. You could design posters, flyers, help on a stall, photocopying, cleaning up after an event..... the list is endless. If every parent gave us 30 minutes of their time imagine how much we could achieve?

Last year the PTA raised over £11000 This was all made possible because of volunteers. The latest project we were involved in was the new Forest School on the field which will benefit every child in the school and we are currently raising money to buy new playground equipment.



If you think you may have a particularly skill or contact that we could use, everything is potentially valuable to us.

If you are interested in helping in any way then please contact us at <a href="mailto:newburghpta@gmail.com">newburghpta@gmail.com</a> or alternatively come along to our next meeting and see what we're all about!

The PTA Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 17th September at 6.30pm at the school.

www.newburghpta.co.uk

Websites which help raise funds for Newburgh PTA:

www.stuckonyou.co.uk
(code:newburghprimaryschool)
www.mynametags.com
(code: 33006)
www.easyfundraising.org.uk