



Parent/Carer Information Leaflet

Sutton Park Friends (PTA) are keen for you to know about the important work they do in raising funds which are spent on supporting your child's learning. They would also love you to get involved. Sutton Park Friends (PTA) information is included in the school newsletter that comes out every fortnight, on ParentMail, on the Sutton Park Friends PTA Facebook page, on the school website www.suttonparkcommunity.co.uk and on the notice board near the school gates.

How do we raise money?

Like other PTA's most of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Some of our most popular events are the Christmas Fair, Discos and Summer Fair. Donations from parents - of time, money, items for sale, raffle prizes or services and skills are what determines the success of our fundraising activities. Even small donations make a big difference to us. We are always on the lookout for other good fundraising ideas too, so please let us know if you have any suggestions.

How do we spend the money we have raised?

Last year we raised over £6500 which was used to lower the cost of school trips, buy new computer equipment, purchase iPad's, a Key Stage 2 music programme and a road safety programme. Decisions on what items are to be purchased from the Sutton Park Friends (PTA) funds are made during our meetings. Requests can come from parents/carers, teachers and children. Normally all the items approved by the Friends are the 'little extras' not covered by the school budget such as money towards school trips, Forest School and play equipment for all our children to benefit from.

How can you get involved?

There are lots of ways you can help and support your child through the Sutton Park Friends (PTA). Offering to help before events or at any other time of the year is so valuable; it doesn't matter if you can't help on a regular basis. You can of course, if you feel able, volunteer to be a committee member, or you can simply come along to the meetings and give us your ideas for fundraising events. You can help by letting us know if you have any contacts or skills we could use, everything is valuable to us.

**Annual General Meeting,
(followed by the next Friends' meeting)
Tuesday 2nd October at 2pm,
School staff room**

We will elect the new committee chairperson, secretary and treasurer at this meeting so if you would like to be considered for any of these roles please let the school office know.

Don't panic though; you won't be volunteered for anything you are not willing to do!