

## Who are we?

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The Friends of St Bartholomew School is run by parents and staff. We aim to raise funds for the schools whilst having fun. And we actually do have fun☺, we are hoping to find extra hands to help us raise much-needed funds for our children.

## What we do, why do we do it and who benefits?

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We meet regularly to discuss ways we can raise new funds for our schools. We are always open to new ideas. In the past, we've raised around £1500- £2000 per year by running events such as our Christmas & Summer Fayres, Discos and many more.

## What are we hoping to achieve next?

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Each year, the schools give us a wish list that we consider as a group. This year they've asked for:

- Contribution towards landscaping garden area & new pond

## What kind of help do we need?

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We would love you to get involved in our schools - join the 21 million Britons who care enough about their community to volunteer. We want to work together to try and enrich the school environment for our children and for the future. We hope that our existing and new volunteers can bring diversity and different perspectives to our group. Some of the benefits to you and our schools are:

- Making a positive difference to other people
- Boosting a CV
- Providing positive adult role models
- Learning new skills
- Feeling welcomed and valued at school
- Enriching the school environment
- Appreciation for the talents and contributions of teachers, parents and community volunteers
- Sharing and learning new skills
- Meeting new people and having fun
- Involvement in the school and community
- Assisting students to achieve
- Sharing knowledge and talents
- Parent understanding and cooperation

On the attached page, please find a questionnaire we would love to get your views on how you would like the PTFA to run. Please fill it in and return it to school with your child.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us via either school. Alternatively, please join us at our 'Meet and Greet' on: **1.20pm – 2.20pm am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**. We will have tea/coffee available and also some homemade baked treats!

## Friends of St Bartholomew's – Volunteering

Every parent, carer and teacher is automatically a member of the PTFA and your thoughts are important to its running. Our PTFA run regular fundraising events throughout the year. Not only does this provide lots of fun, but the money we raise enhances the education and experience of all the children in our school. We can only continue to do this with your support. One of the finest ways to get acquainted is through activity in the PTFA. There are so many ways in which your talents might be buried and we want to make certain they are unearthed.

We have compiled this questionnaire to find out a bit more about you and the things that interest you. This questionnaire in no way commits you to any specific task however if you would like to contribute your time and talent, then please let us know.

Please take a few minutes to let us know which events and activities are of interest to you and your children.

**Types of Help We Need - please tick all you are interested in:**

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Disco Supervision		Cake Baking		Sourcing Tombola Prizes	
Running Stalls at Fayres		Creative/sewing		Committee Member	
Sourcing Raffle Prizes		Setting Up at Quiz/Bingo Night		Setting Up at Fayres	
Setting up at Disco		Clearing up at Quiz/Bingo Night		Clearing Up at Fayres	
Clearing up Disc/event					

**Suggestions or Comments for Us:**

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**And finally, your contact details please:**

Name	
Email Address	
Contact Phone Number	
Child's Name and Class	

Below are some of the activities that we run or are thinking of running! We want to gauge your interest in attending and/or helping at these events. All support is welcome – no matter how much or how little time you are able to give.

Event	Loved it/ love to attend	Needs improving	Didn't go	Can support to set up	Assist at event
Bingo Nights					
Breakfast Week					
Christmas Party					
Christmas Fayre					
Disco(s)					
Easter Eggstravanganza/Fayre					
Harvest Tombola					
Mothers/Father's day shopping event					
Race Night					
Sports Day -					
Summer Fun Day & BBQ					
Quiz Evening (adults only)					
Parents Own (Talks by professionals to parents (run by the school)) ( <i>adults only</i> )					

Other suggestions

Event	Help set up	Help during	comments

**How well do you feel that you know the PTFA and what it does for the School?**

1	I know very little about PTFA and do not want to know more	
2	I know very little about PTFA and would like to know more	
3	I know a fair amount about PTFA and do not want to know more	
4	I know a fair amount about PTFA and would like to know more	
5	I feel that I know PTFA very well	

**Do you feel that you know what PTFA spends the money it raises on?**

1	Yes I am aware how the raised funds are spent	
2	No I am not aware how the raised funds are spent	

**What do you think about the number of events that PTFA runs? *Please tick the option that best fits your opinion***

1	PTFA run <b>too many</b> events, they should do fewer	
2	PTFA number of events that FISA run is <b>just about right</b>	
3	PTFA run <b>too few</b> events, they should run more	
4	I'm not sure	

**What would you change/ like to see at the Summer Fayre**

1	Loved it –would change nothing	
2	Liked it – but consideration needs to be given to	
3	I'm not sure	
4	Didn't go	

**What would you change/ like to see at the Christmas Fayre**

1	Loved it –would change nothing	
2	Liked it – but consideration needs to be given to	
3	I'm not sure	
4	Didn't go	

**Do you think we cater for all children's ages/adults?**

1	Yes the balance is right	
2	Yes but requires some adjustment (comments appreciated please)	
3	I'm not sure	
4	No (suggestions welcome)	

We would like to understand how you would prefer PTFA to communicate with you. Please read the table below, some of these methods of communication are not currently used, but they could be in the future. Please select one option in the 'favourite' column and then as many in the preferred communication methods' as suits you.

	Communication Method	Preferred methods of communication ( <i>please tick as many as suit you</i> )	Favourite method of communication ( <i>please tick only one</i> )
1	Via Parent Mail (email)		
2	A message board in a prominent place in the school grounds		
3	Letter via children's book bag		
4	A Website		

2. Do you have any thoughts on PTFA that you would like to share with us, e.g. your opinion of PTFA's work for the school, feedback on PTFA run events or how you think the money raised by PTFA should be spent?

*Please write any comments in the space provided below, thank you.*

- Do you work for a company that might be able to support the PTA by donating a raffle prize or sponsoring a stall at our Christmas or summer fair?  
 Yes  No (If yes, please give details.)
- Is there anything specific you or your child would like the PTA to fund? Please give details:

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- Please list any skills or talents you have that the PTA might be able to use: e.g. craft hobbies, gardening, baking, woodworking, marketing etc.

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Thank you