Welcome to Friends of Rye Primary
PTA Spring newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The PTA has had a busy start to 2019. We were thrilled to have so many parents and carers join us at our AGM in January. With lots of new members getting involved we now have the support to be able to roll out lots of activities, events and investments in the school this year.

Here is a brief reminder of what the PTA does and what we stand for:

- We organise fun events for the children such as the Summer Fete & Christmas Fair
- We raise funds for the school through the events we organise and via fundraising applications to different organisations
- We help the school get extra resources and develop outdoor areas
- We help fund extra curricular activities and learning opportunities for the children
- We help facilitate communication between parents and guardians and the school
- We encourage links with the local community

If you would like to get involved or have a fund raising ideas of your own, we'd love to hear from you. Please see below for how to get in touch with us.

We look forward to working with our new members this year and seeing lots of parents and carers at our school events.
Thank you for your support.

Current PTA Projects

Forest School

We are organising a Big Clean/Big Dig day to help further develop the Forest School. We are looking for parents, carers, aunts, uncles or friends who might be able to give us a couple of hours on a Saturday morning or afternoon to help with this.
There will be 2 sessions on Saturday 16th March at 8am to 10am or 1.30pm – 3.30pm.
Please come with ideas and tools for cutting and clearing. You will be responsible for you and your children's safety. We hope this will be lots of fun and a chance for the wider school community to come together and enjoy the great outdoors. We certainly look forward to the benefit to our children that the Forest School will make.
Through our fund raising we have been able to purchase a number of outdoor play suits to help protect the children's clothing. Please bring in any spare/old wellies that you can donate.

School Library

We were so pleased to have so many parents and carers volunteer to help develop our school library. The school has been fortunate to receive some much needed investment to get the book quality and systems in place to make our library state of the art!
We have an Aquinas team member coming in at the beginning of March who will work with Mrs Foster & Mrs Wilson on the library rejuvenation!
They will be in touch soon with the type of help they need and some key dates.

Dates for your diary

Friday 1st March – Spring Fair pre meeting 2pm at the Children's Centre
Saturday 16th March – The Big Clean/Big Dig at 8.00 – 10.00am or 1.30 – 3.30pm
Thursday 4th April – Spring Fair
Friday 24th May – Sal's Shoes fundraiser day
Friday 21st June – Summer Fair pre meeting 2pm at the Children's Centre
Wednesday 17th July – Summer Fair from 2pm to 4pm
Wednesday 24th July - Sal's Shoes collection on last day of term at 3pm

How you can help

As a parent or carer of a child at Rye Community Primary School or Pugwash Nursery, you are automatically a member of the PTA. You have a vote in the decisions we make and are welcome to join us, help us and contribute your ideas to make our school and nursery a better place for our children.
Any help you can give is much appreciated, even 1 hour a year! There are lots of areas within which we need parent and guardians to help us from events, to the school library, to the forest school to bake sales and individual fundraising

How to get in touch with us

1. Via our online form on the school website PTA page. A few quick questions let you tell us what you would like to get involved in. Please note we never share your details with any 3rd parties but we do need your authorisation to share your details with the school.
2. Send us an email at friends@ryeprimary.co.uk
3. Join our Facebook group **https://www.facebook.com/groups/893351917417006**

We also manage the Facebook pages for parents and carers of children at school. To join, please click on the link corresponding to your child's year group below. These are a great way of staying up to date with what's happening:

- Pugwash
- Reception
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6
- Former students