

# The PTA (parent, teacher association)

#### Meeting Tuesday 6th 1.45pm Brookfield House Campus

## Who are we?

Brookfield Association has been in existence since 1975 and registered with the Charity Commission in 1981! Throughout, its whole focus has always been to raise funds to create a better learning environment for our kids.

The PTA stopped all activities during Covid and with the changes of the school leadership team but now we are more settled, we are raring to get going again.

Currently we are 3 parents who met by chance in the carpark at Brookfield House. We are looking for a team of enthusiastic volunteers who want to utilise their super skills for good. Perhaps you have creative skills (papier mache, drawing, colouring within the lines, making tissue paper flowers, jazzing up boring posters and information leaflets!) or organisational skills – how to get 96 children to see Santa in the space of 3 hours, good with spreadsheets, persuasive raffle donation request skills, a box of grown up fancy dress outfits!

Or maybe you don't already have enough to do with your time, want an excuse to avoid bedtime every now and then, enjoy supporting events for

both kids and adults, and would like a chance to meet other families and your kids' bus buddy's/classmates.

## Why should you join?

Well, we want to get our Brookfield House community together again. To give support to those families at the beginning of their journeys and share the knowledge of those further along. Allowing a safe place for our community to be together and be themselves and get the most enjoyment out of events with as much ease as possible. And lastly to fundraise for our school to support our amazing kids and those who support them.

## What sort of events have we had in the past?

Before Covid we had both summer and winter fetes with lots of games and crafts for the kids, lots of cake, sponge the teacher, bouncy castles, biscuit decorating, cakes, name the teddy, facepainting, did I mention cake? And lots of delicious food for the grownups. The amount of activities depend on how many volunteers we have and are willing to help.

A school disco is the most anticipated event EVER. It's what the kids most look forward to, it's very hectic but the kids absolutely love it, some events should be purely about fun.

Quiz and Cuisine nights are always popular and we are looking forward to beating the teachers team again.

We had movie nights in the sensory room and even relived our childhood favourite film with an outdoor showing of E.T. with picnics and blankets in the school field.

The Easter bonnet parade and egg hunt was always a winner. A fabulous Eid party each year, sponsored walks, gardening groups, coffee mornings with guest speakers, it was all going on!

## What would we like to do, volunteers permitting?

It would be great to reduce the landfill by creating an upcycle uniform shop. By sorting, washing and relabelling the forgotten uniforms in lost property and donated grown out of uniform we can help save the planet (and the pennies) and get our kids school ready for a small donation.

We could have a team to create delicious dinners for pre-order and pack them in take away boxes ready for reheating at home.

Start a book club with Authors invited to talk about their books.

We could even sell Xmas trees to the school community and surrounding neighbours, the options are endless.

## What does the money raised get spent on?

We have previously funded either in full or put towards a sensory garden with wheelchair accessible greenhouse, new sensory room equipment (including magic interactive carpet), Xmas presents, Easter eggs, a book on every child's birthday and of course the school mini buses!

### How do you join?

Officially you are all automatically members of the PTA the second your child enters through the school gate but it's entirely up to you if you participate or watch from a far.

Pop along to a meeting or email us at hello@brookfieldassociation.org.uk to find out more information.

We have organised for Santa (the real Santa, not a representative) to come and visit the children at school just before Xmas and give them a gift each. If you would like to support this event and are able to do so, please click this link to make a donation investmycommunity.com



