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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **MAIDENBOWER JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA**

I am writing to you to ask (or even plead!) if any parents are able to spare any time during the year to help our over-stretched PTA. Our PTA is currently hanging together by a thread and is in great danger of folding, which would be a travesty for the school and have a financial impact which would affect some of the enrichment and resources children have access to.

The PTA is a group of volunteers who help the school to organise fun events and surprises for all of the children in the school. The aim is to raise much-needed funds which are used directly to purchase resources/facilities that support and enrich children's learning experience. In the past, our school library was rebuilt using PTA funds and this year there are plans to develop our forest school area with shelters and to buy new staging for the performing arts and shows.

Lots of parents are likely to be put off by the prospect of being part of a committee, having to attend meetings or a demand to commit lots of time. This is definitely not the case. The PTA have a committee for this year but are in great need of some behind the scenes support with little jobs and tiny pockets of time during the year.

More information is displayed on the poster on the next page, but some examples of little ways that you can help include:

- Sparring an hour at one lunchtime per term to help with Pizza Day
- Wrapping presents for the Christmas Fair
- Putting raffle tickets on tombola items
- Promoting events using the PTA social media channels
- Making posters

If you feel you are able to help in any way at all, we would really appreciate it. Please email the PTA on [pta@maidenbowerjunior.co.uk](mailto:pta@maidenbowerjunior.co.uk) and someone will make contact with you.

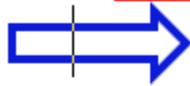
Kind regards

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Simon Pike  
Headteacher



# Our PTA needs you!



Could you help us?

## What is a PTA?

The PTA is a group of parents and staff volunteers who work together to support their school and improve the learning experience for students. The aim is to raise funds to be able to buy things within the school to further children's educational experience.



## Who are we?

We rely on the help of parents to be able to continue running events. Some of these roles include:

- Chair – Final say on PTA decisions and directs meetings
- Deputy chair – Supports the chair
- Treasurer – Oversees the PTA finances
- Secretary – Keeps up to date records of PTA activity
- Communications agent – Publicizes PTA events

**Other important roles include helping behind the scenes! This is JUST as important and doesn't require any full commitment to meetings or set tasks!**

## What do we do?

We run events such as:

- Pizza Days
- Christmas fayre
- Firework night
- Summer fayre
- Hampers
- Freeze Fridays
- Sales

And many others...

## What could you do?

Even if you are unable to commit to a 'role' on the PTA, having a group of PTA helpers is just as important! This may include helping out with behind the scene tasks such as wrapping presents, helping out at a stall during a fayre for a short period, or at pizza day, baking cakes, putting together hampers, making or uploading posters onto our social media.

All items would be provided.



Without helpers unfortunately these events may not be able run, so any help, as small as it may seem is a massive help! Please let us know if you would like any further information or to join our PTA or sign up to be on a helpers list.