



Welcome to the first newsletter of the PTA . After 5 years without a PTA a small group of enthusiastic parents have reformed the JC PTA. With your help, we aim to expand and offer our children's school some much needed support, as well as having some fun in the process.

The objective of this first issue is to inform parents of our presence, publish our mission statement and share details of our first set of PTA events.

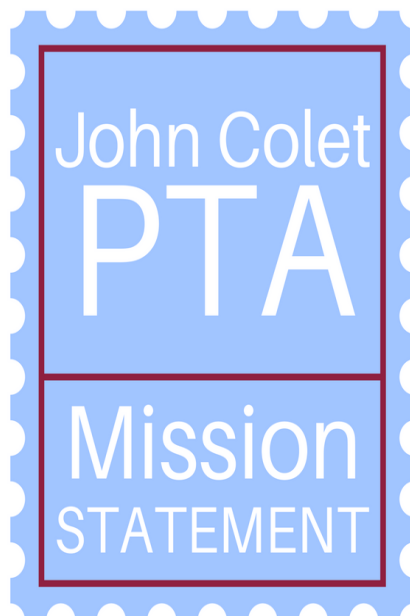
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PTA Events for the Autumn Term

- Wednesday 13th September 2017—PTA Meeting, 7:30pm in Meeting Room 1
- Saturday 7th October 2017— & Quiz Night
- Friday, 15th December 2017 – Roller Disco (to be confirmed)

WHO ARE WE?



The John Colet PTA aims to create a shared community that brings together parents, teachers, and pupils to support the school in advancing the education of the pupils at the John Colet School.

To deliver our mission statement we will

- Develop good relationships between the staff and parents
- Arrange events and activities that raise funds for equipment and projects in school to enhance the education of the pupils
- Organise social events for the enjoyment of the pupils, their families and the wider community.

We believe that having engaged parents with, a voice in how resources are invested, contributes to the success of the school.

We are about more than just fundraising. The PTA aims to offer the chance to meet other parents and support the school working towards common goals. We intend to have some fun whilst doing so!

HOW IS THE MONEY RAISED?

We raise money through organising events. For parents that are too busy or lack time to attend events, we also offer the opportunity to donate to the PTA through online platforms such as the Vale Lottery and The Giving Machine. We also run a second-hand uniform shop and provide refreshments at school events.

The events we are looking to run during the next school year include:

Roller Disco

Paintballing

Zorbing

Beer festival

Ceilidh/barn dance

Quiz night

Raffles and prize draws.

If you have any fundraising ideas, or would like to donate a raffle prize, please contact us via email at pta@johncolet.co.uk or alternatively, come and speak to us at the next school event.



HOW IS THE MONEY SPENT?

Funds raised by the PTA are intended to provide additional items not provided by the school's main income. Often these 'fun things' that make learning more interesting and exciting. However, in this difficult economic climate, there are essential items that schools can no longer afford to purchase. The PTA, in conjunction with the head teacher, will evaluate all options on how to best spend PTA funds.

WHAT WE ARE FUNDRAISING FOR

Below are a few examples of what the PTA would like to fund.

- Covered outdoor dining area
- Reward scheme to encourage pupils

NEXT MEETING

Please come along and meet us and contribute ideas

WHEN: Wednesday, 13th September 2017
at 7.30 p.m.

WHERE: Meeting Room 1 at the school.

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

All parents will automatically be members of the PTA when they join our school. You can be involved as little or as much as you want to. To join the committee, or just volunteer for events, all we ask for is enthusiasm and willingness to work as part of a team; there will be lots of fun and laughter along the way.

You can always support PTA events by simply turning up to an event or doing your internet shopping through The Giving Machine. (see page 4.)

Just get in touch with us! We look forward to hearing from you. You can contact us by email, on Facebook or Twitter.



SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The PTA is now selling second hand uniform. If you wish to make an enquiry about availability and sizes please email: pta@johncolet.co.uk



UNIFORM WANTED!!

If your child has outgrown their uniform, please consider donating it to the PTA. You can either hand it into school in September or you can drop it off at the Print Lab when collecting new uniform.



The John Colet PTA is now on TheGivingMachine. This is a simple way for you to help us raise money for the school when shopping



online.

There are over 2000 retailers taking part some of which are listed opposite.

All you need to do is create an account and set John Colet School PTA as your 'cause'. Then when you shop online, instead of going directly to the site go via the link in TheGivingMachine and every purchase you make will generate commission for the school.



Vale Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in Aylesbury Vale. The John Colet PTA has signed up and will receive 50% of all ticket sales.

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week. The prizes range from £25.00 if you match the first three or last three numbers drawn to £25,000 if you match all 6 numbers. Unlike other lotteries you do not share the jackpot if there is more than one winner. The draw takes place every Saturday night, so why not buy a ticket today!

<https://www.valelottery.co.uk/support/john-colet-pta>

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