

WELCOME TO COTTENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL'S PTCA



WHAT is a PTCA?

The PTCA (Parent, Teacher and Community Association) is an organisation that you, as parents/guardians, automatically become members of when your child joins Cottenham Primary School. Membership is free, and how much you get involved is completely up to you. Each year at our AGM a new committee is elected, and they stand for 12 months - or more if they are re-elected at the next AGM.

WHY have a PTCA?

The PTCA's main aim is to support the school which it does in a variety of ways.

It can help **parents**:

- improve the school
- get to know each other through a range of events and activities
- find out more about how the school works
- raise funds to be used for the enrichment of the children's education

It can help **children** receive a richer education by helping to fund resources, trips and experiences.

And it can help **teachers** to reach potential volunteers and enthusiasts who could help with school projects.

HOW does the PTCA do this?

Looking around the school, it is not hard to see where the PTCA has made a difference over the years. As well as interactive whiteboards and playground apparatus, we have also financially supported a host of extra curricular activities such as workshops, productions, swimming pool maintenance and school trip subsidies.

We raise funds for this work by organising or supporting a range of events for parents and children, including our ever-popular Summer and Winter Fairs, an annual fireworks event, bingo, quizzes, raffles and much more.

HOW can you help?

Turn over for lots of ways you can help Cottenham Primary School's PTCA. We can't wait to meet you!

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SHORT ON TIME? Here are some quick and easy ways to help!

EASYFUNDRAISING

Via www.easyfundraising.org.uk you can shop with over 2000 retailers like Amazon, Tesco, Argos, M&S and eBay. We'll receive a donation with every qualifying purchase you make. It won't cost you anything - and you can even save money with special offers and voucher codes.

MATCH-FUNDING/ OTHER EMPLOYER SCHEMES

Currently we add around £1000 per year to our fundraising through match-funding and other support from the employers of school parents. Please ask your employer if they have a scheme that could help us!

GOODHUB

We have a crowdfunding appeal to help raise funds. If you can make a one-off donation or would like to set up a regular payment, however small, then you can do so easily at <https://app.goodhub.com/cottenham-primary-school-ptca>. We can even boost your donation by 25% if you qualify for Gift Aid.

UNWANTED CURRENCY

If you have any foreign coins, or British coins that are no longer legal tender, then pop them in an envelope marked "PTCA" and hand them into school. As a charity we are able to exchange old and unwanted currency for cash

MY SCHOOL FUND

This website (www.myschoolfund.org) lets you link your debit/credit card to your school, so that when you spend with participating retailers, both you and CPS PTCA will receive e-gift cards based on a percentage of your overall spend.

OTHER INITIATIVES

Keep an eye on CPS PTCA's Facebook page for more quick and easy ways to help.

If you know of another scheme that we should be taking part in, then please let us know! You can reach us at cps-ptca@outlook.com

LOOKING TO GET MORE INVOLVED?

Here are some other ways you, your friends and your family can continue to support us:

- Come along to some of the fun events we put on throughout the year
- **Sign up to our PTCA Helpers list and volunteer to help at an event - scan here** →
- Join the committee - either by election for 12 months, or by co-option to help with a particular task



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