

Duddon Saint Peter's C.E. Primary School

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PTA Meeting **Wednesday 28th Jan 2026**

- **Present:** Helen Hayes, Kelly Hodgekinson, Jen Brinicombe, Jo Houlbrook, Sarah Bentley, Liz Smith
- **Apologies:** Paul Hudson, Xyna Ooman Siddon, Jennie Graniger, Sarah Jones

Minutes from last meeting agreed- no issues raised

Finance:

Not discussed at this meeting, no change since the previous one.

PTA Chair Summary:

- Good response from the questionnaire sent out to parents regarding their feelings about the PTA (33 responses.) Overall positive. The majority were very appreciative of the voluntary work of the PTA and agreed with the way the funds are spent (School enrichment and educational resources.) Some points for the PTA to take into consideration, such as:
 - Communication regarding events to be earlier and more clear to whole school
 - Communication of where the funds are spent to the whole school
 - More information on how parents can get involved with the PTA

PTA discussion following questionnaire outcome:

- Minutes from each PTA meeting are published on the school website - this info to be communicated to parents via whatsapp and next newsletter.
- Events to be organised and communicated much earlier - Jen is creating posters this week for Valentines disco and Easter colour run, also do a poll to see how many want to attend Camp night to see if its worth it or if something else would be better.
- Event dates to be on a poster on the 2 noticeboards at school and in each classroom.
- Going forward next year - events to be agreed at AGM in Sep and communicated in one with dates at the start of the academic year.
- Share a financial statement/ on the newsletter at the end of each term with parents to outline how much money has been made from events and what things have been spent on.
- Swimming lessons are part of the curriculum and from the questionnaire that is not a priority to spend the PTA funds on - discussion over payment plan/ moving later in the year for swimming lessons going forward.

Dates & events:

11.02.26 Valentine's Disco
02.04.26 Easter colour run
16.05.26 Camp night
18.07.26 Summer fair

Valentines Disco - £6 per child includes snack bag, tattoo and glow stick. Poster to be sent out this week for helpers, need someone to make a music playlist. 5pm-5:45 Treetops to year 2, 6-7pm year 3-6.

Easter Colour Run -

- Min £10 entry for each child or adult
- Communicate to parents first week of March that they need to get them a plain white Tshirt to participate
- Sponsor form/envelope to go out ASAP as soon as last day of term confirmed
- Each child will get an Easter egg at the end
- PTA to source obstacle course things such as tyres
- PTA/Teachers to operate the colour canons
- Tea, coffee, cake available at a small fee.
- 2pm start.

Camp night -

- Moved date earlier in year as always seems to rain
- Do a poll to see how many people want to attend the new date - if not enough interest then replace with a new idea.
- If people are keen then charge for entry/pitch- entertainment to be included.

Other topics discussed:

- Following a Parish council meet last week 20mph will be in force around the school on the A51 during school hours from March.
- Parish council have also sourced Belinda Bollards for outside the school
- Speed indicator device to be installed, however, they are after seeking volunteers to put this up and take it down every day as it needs charging overnight - to be put as a request in the next newsletter.
- The above will cost around £7k and the Parish council can't fund it all so have asked for funds from PTA and School House Trust. PTA will look into this and give what is feasible.
- PTA members to look into any grants available for a better outdoor space.
- Volunteers to start work on the moles and fencing.
- Traitors/murder mystery evening a possible change of event

**Date of Next Meeting: Monday 9th March 3:30pm
(All welcome to attend)**