

DOVERS GREEN PTA

Dear Parents, Carers and children,

Welcome back to school and welcome to our new Ladybirds and their families – we hope you had a fun-filled Summer holiday and made some great memories. Last year, due to our brilliant, amazing and supportive community, the school was able to order and supply each classroom with a brand new touchscreen, desktop computer paid for by the donations made by the parents and carers of Dovers Green – THANK YOU!! We hope that your children are enjoying using these.

On to 2023-2024. This newsletter intends to give you an overview of the year ahead so that everyone can have as much notice as possible and we all know what is planned. We look forward to working together as a community to help build a school that we are all proud of. So get ready to fundraise!

What are we working towards?

The staff have asked us to support them by redeveloping an improved sensory garden which will be open to all children at the school. We are planning on applying for grants which support such projects in addition to the funds which we can raise. We will continue to support the school for curriculum based resources and opportunities that enrich the children's experiences. (examples of these include Phonics books and Forest School resources.)

Who are the PTA?

Co-Chairs - Emma Richards and Laura Fry



Emma Richards



Laura Fry

Laura and Emma's children both joined Dovers Green in Sept 2022. With both having a background in education, we have both seen the positive impact that funds and support from parents and carers has on the opportunities that can be given to the children. In many cases in schools, those 'additional extras' that your children love and will remember have been possible due to the support of the PTA. As we are both working parents, we recognise many hands make light work and we can't do it all. We are keen to develop upon the amazing work already done and create an ethos where everyone gives what they can.

Other Members

Mariana Ferreria - Treasurer	Kelly Kennedy	Kirsty Magraw
Stephanie Akanga - Secretary	Janet Morgan	Lisa Manaton
Staff Representatives: Mrs Starling (HT)	Steph Lee	Steph Evans

We have a number of other amazing parents who are also on hand to help us with a range of requests, as well as a fantastic team of class reps, who keep all our parents informed and involved through their great Whatsapp chats!

Events for 2023/24- More dates and information about the below will follow

Dates	Event
Friday 8 th Sept	New Ladybirds at Beehive
Friday 15 th Sept	New Ladybird Bags to go home
Wednesday 20 th Sept	2 nd Hand Uniform Sale
Sept /Oct	Christmas cards and 2024 Calendar – more info to follow
Friday 13 th Oct	Cake Sale (Yr 2) and 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale
Friday 13 th Oct	Quiz Night
Friday 20 th Oct	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 24 th Nov	Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 30 th Nov	Decorate for Christmas
Friday 1 st Dec	Supper with Santa £10
Friday 15 th Dec	Non-Uniform Day & 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale
Friday 19 th Jan	Yr 1 & 2 Disco 4.30 -5.30pm
Friday 26 th Jan	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 2 nd Feb	Silent Disco (Parents)
Wednesday 7 th Feb	Valentines Presents £1 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale
Friday 23 rd Feb	Non-Uniform Day Ladybird Disco 4.30-5.30pm
Friday 1 st March	Easter Raffle
Friday 22 nd March	Cake Sale (R), Non-Uniform Day, Draw Easter Raffle, 2 nd Hand Uniform
Friday 19 th April	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 3 rd May	Frozen Fridays start
Friday 17 th May	Cake Sale – Yr 1
Friday 24 th May	Non-Uniform Day
Saturday 22 nd June	Summer Fayre
Friday 28 th June	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 12 th July	2 nd Hand Uniform Sale
Friday 19 th July	Non-Uniform Day

Non-uniform Days

There are 10 ‘non-uniform’ days throughout the school year that are to raise funds for the PTA. We operate a system where you can either pay £1 on the day or you can click the link below and pay £10 to cover all the days across the whole year. <https://pay.sumup.io/b2c/QKOVH9KM>

Cake sales

Following feedback, the cake sales are back! Each year group have been allocated one Friday within the year to organise, supply and sell cakes to the school community as an after-school treat. Please make a note of these dates and your class reps will be in touch nearer the time.

Contacting us:

There are 3 ways to keep up to date and contact the PTA:

1. Your class WhatsApp group. Your class reps will either be able to help or will know who to ask! Please do recognise the time they donate and consider the times that they are contacted.
2. Facebook – Dovers Green School PTA
3. E-mail the PTA - doversgreenpta@hotmail.co.uk

Best wishes

Emma and Laura (Co-Chairs)