

Gosden House PTA

Your Newsletter



Your PTA

Gosden has a new Parent Teacher Association!

Your PTA at Gosden has changed a lot. We have a new Chair, a new Treasurer, lots of new members and a new, official constitution, governing the way we will work together and for the benefit of the school. We have also launched a new Facebook page to promote the work we are doing and keep you up to date with what's going on. More on that later!

Your new PTA is being relaunched with the aim of raising money and supporting parents, teachers and children within our school community, encouraging closer links between home and school and organising social events. Funding for schools is extremely tight, so all money raised by the PTA helps fund resources or experiences that enhance our children's learning and enjoyment.

So who are your new PTA?

Your PTA is comprised of parent/carer representatives from across the school, taking on various roles from Class Representative to Chair. Information about the four key members is below, but you'll find more information about them and other members on our Facebook page.



Chair of the PTA - Rowena Moore

Rowena's daughter Lily-Rose is in Hawking (Year 7). She has a keen interest in autism and lots of experience working in schools, both special needs and mainstream. She is committed to working with parents and carers to support the Gosden family.



Vice Chair of the PTA - Kim Cockerill

Kim's son Joshua is in Badgers Class (Year 3) and she is also their Class Rep. She has been an active member of the PTA for 3 1/2 years and enjoys meeting other parents, organising events and raising money to enrich the learning of children at Gosden.



Treasurer - Emma Sterry

Emma's son Harry is in Parks Class (Year 8) and she has just joined the PTA as Treasurer. With usual fundraising options being limited due to the pandemic, she is excited to see what new ideas the PTA can come up with!



Secretary - Janine Nelson

Janine's daughter Lucie is in Simmonds Class (Year 8). Janine joined the PTA as she is passionate about doing whatever she can to support the school to raise funds which will benefit our lovely children.

What do we have planned for you this term?

Despite the restrictions that lockdown brings, we are determined to identify ways to bring the Gosden community together and continue to raise funds for the school. We already have the following planned, but would love to hear any ideas you might have too.



New PTA Logo

The first project we will be running, is a competition to design a new logo for the PTA. At present we don't have one, and feel its important we have something we can use for people to identify us by. This will be used in our newsletter, on our social media and in all publicity we put out. So if your child would like to think about creating a colourful image they think will represent the PTA, its partnership with the school and focus on bringing together our wonderful community, get your paints and pencils out - we'd love to see your work!

We are asking that all entries be submitted via email to GosdenPTA@gmail.com by **Monday 22nd February**, after which Cindy O'Sullivan will pick her favourite. The winning entry will not only be able to enjoy seeing their creation in print, but will also win a £10 Amazon voucher.



Quiz Night

In time honoured lockdown tradition, we'll also be holding a Quiz Night for parents on **Saturday 27th February** at 8pm via Zoom. Entry is **only £6 per screen**, and the winner will walk away with a fantastic prize of a family photoshoot worth £150 with the amazing www.kimblondellphotography.com and a bottle of bubbly. So why not switch up your Saturday night. pour a glass of wine (or two) and secure yourself a space. Tickets are available

via <https://gosdenptaquiznight.eventbrite.co.uk>.

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Did you know we've also launched a school lottery?

This is a great way to support the school, whilst also giving yourself the opportunity to win some cash and other exciting prizes.

Signing up is easy and can cost no more than £1 a week, so visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play and search for Gosden House - you could be in with a chance of winning a jackpot of £25,000 with a guaranteed weekly prize for Gosden entrants which currently stands at £17.

Best of luck!



How can I get involved?

There are numerous ways of getting involved, from offering to help out with an event to taking on the role of Class Representative, attending meetings to share your ideas, or simply getting involved in events we run as a participant.

Another way to get involved is to follow our Gosden PTA Facebook page, where we let you know about things that are happening and ask for feedback about ideas we have for the school.



We appreciate for many people you may not be able to commit time or energy, so if you simply wanted to donate financially to our cause, we are always grateful for additional contributions or prizes for events. Our bank account and contact details are below.

GosdenPTA@gmail.com

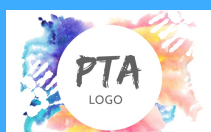
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Dates for Your Diary



Quiz Night

Saturday 27th February at 8pm - only £6 entry per screen. Bookings via <https://gosdenptaquiznight.eventbrite.co.uk>



PTA Logo Competition

Submit your entries by Monday 22nd February via GosdenPTA@gmail.com in time to be judged by Cindy O'Sullivan



Your School Lottery

This draws every Saturday at 8pm, so make sure to head to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk to be in with a chance of winning!