

Welcome to



Parent Staff Association

Welcome to Tonyrefail Community School

This information has been put together by the PSA especially for you, as a new family joining our school community. Starting school is an exciting time for the whole family. Studies show that there's a direct link between parental involvement and how well children do, so why not get involved from the start! This booklet provides you with information about our PSA and lets you know how you can join in.

Why do we have a PSA?

We are fortunate at our school to have a PSA that's an integral part of the school community. Over the last year, we have raised thousands of pounds, which has been spent on equipment, educational visits and resources to enhance our children's educational experience and the school's facilities.

Our association is about much more than simply fundraising. Tonyrefail Parent Staff Association exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. It's fun too - just ask any of the Committee members or volunteers.

All parents and members of the school community are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available. All families are automatically members of the PSA when their child joins our school.

Role of the Committee

Our Committee consists of Chair (Louise Thomas)/Vice Chair (Rachel Hill)/Treasurers (Mark Thomas, Alison Jones, Shula Gunter)/Secretaries (Sarah Curran, Rebecca Burford)/Ordinary Committee Members

The Committee meet on a regular basis with smaller working groups meeting as necessary when we are planning larger events. We hold open meetings, where any member can come along, find out what the association is planning, share ideas and get involved.

Volunteers

We welcome any help from parents, teachers and friends, and have a growing list of volunteers who commit some of their time to helping the association. Every little helps, so just one hour of assisting at an event, wrapping lucky dip prizes or folding raffle tickets (just a few examples) would be invaluable. If you would like to join us, please speak to a committee member, come along to our next meeting or follow us on twitter @TonyrefailPSA. There is also a reply slip at the back of this booklet you can complete and return to the committee or the school office.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our Annual General Meeting is held in October and provides an excellent opportunity for all parents to come along and hear in more detail about our work, the events we have run, the funds we have raised and how the money has been spent. It is also when we elect our new committee members.

Support from Parentkind

Our PSA is a member of Parentkind, which is a national charity and membership organisation providing support and guidance to over 13,500 parent associations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Membership includes comprehensive insurance cover by Zurich Insurance plc for all our association run events and gives access to support and advice on running the association plus fundraising ideas and good practice hints and tips

Parentkind also provide resources for Parents, if you would like to sign up to their Parent e-Bulletin please visit <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/Signup>

How we raise money

Like most PSAs, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Some of our most popular events are:

Spooktacular Disco, Breakfast with Santa, Christmas fayre, Raffles, Gift stalls & the 200 club.

Donations from parents are extremely important. You can donate time, money, items for sale, raffle prizes and auction lots or offers of services and skills.

How we spend the money we raise

The PSA committee are responsible for deciding how our PSA funds are spent. Usually School Faculties provide a 'wish list' of items that the school would like us to consider funding.

We invite input from any parents too, so if you have an idea of something that would benefit all the students in the school, please do share it with the Committee, or come along to discuss it at a meeting.

Funds are typically spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. Funds are not spent on improving the fabric of the school building, as this is the responsibility of the school. Our Constitution commits the association to spending money on things that will benefit the children directly.

How we keep you up to date

PSA information is sent home with the children, via ParentMail and twitter. This includes information on upcoming events, dates and details of how you can help.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school!



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I am interested in joining the PSA;

Name: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Email: _____

Child(ren): _____

