

Christ Church Primary School PFA

What is the PFA?

The PFA stands for “**P**arents and **F**riends **A**ssociation”. Set up in 2013, we are a small charity ([Registered Charity number 1157500](#)) that exists to support the work of Christ Church Primary School.

The charity has three aims:

- **Fundraising:** We raise money throughout the year, mostly at our two annual fairs. This money goes to the school to spend on things that are not covered by central government funding.
- **Social connections:** We also aim to bring parents together for friendship and mutual support as a community of parents. This happens informally around fundraising activities but also through a weekly coffee morning and other periodic activities like an annual “DIY day” to spring clean the school’s outdoor space together.
- **Parent/school communication:** The PFA also organises 2-3 class reps in each class who work between the class teacher and the parents to enable good communication of class issues, help encourage parents to engage in the PFA as much as they wish and lead on any class based fundraising activities.

Who is involved in the PFA?

Anyone can be! We are entirely volunteer-run and have a committee made up of parents. All parents are welcome to stand for election to the committee.

What sort of activities does the PFA do?

We have a number of PFA supported activities throughout the year, including:

- Christmas Fair (Autumn term)
- DIY day (Spring term)
- AGM and birthday (Spring term)
- Summer Fair (Summer term)
- Periodic second hand uniform stalls
- Regular class cake stalls
- Periodic events like Eid and Diwali parties and other social events that parents might like to organise.

Is the PFA run by the school?

No - the PFA is legally completely separate from the school. The PFA does not have any say on how the school operates or how it spends money. Similarly the school does not have any say on what the PFA does, apart from when we use school grounds for events.

What is the Coffee Morning Whatsapp group?

This Whatsapp group started in 2015 as a way for parents who came to the weekly coffee morning gatherings to chat together. Since then it has grown to become a group with lots of

parents on it, whether or not they come to coffee morning or not. The group is run by the PFA - group admins are class reps so they can add new parents to the group.

How does the PFA manage money?

The PFA has a small number of fundraising sources. The main source is our regular Christmas and Summer Fairs. We also have people who support the charity through a [regular monthly donation](#) or through [EasyFundraising](#). We also raise money through our weekly cake sales. The PFA does have costs - mainly these are our annual subscription to [Parentkind](#) and expenses for fairs.

All money after costs is given to the school to spend on activities and resources.

I want to get involved!

Amazing! Please let us know by emailing info@christchurchprimarypfa.org.uk .

I have other questions not covered here

Great! Please send them to info@christchurchprimarypfa.org.uk and we'll do our best to answer you quickly.