



Hello all, I just wanted to introduce myself to you, as the Chairman of Great Wood Parent Teachers Association (PTA).

The PTA are a very proud bunch of parents who go about raising money for the school, to give all the children some amazing educational and extra-curricular experiences. Events we run each year include a Halloween and Spring Discos, Christmas and Easter Fairs and a Summer Music Festival. We also have a Bake Sale each term too. Another means of fund raising is holding a Sponsored Walk or Prize Draw Raffle in alternative years, where everyone is encouraged to get involved.

The money raised has helped purchase new monitors and computer equipment, interactive TV's and also helps bring visitors into the school including palaeontologists, musicians and re-enactments. The money also buys new playground equipment (including the new KS1 Play Area and resurfacing the KS2 play area) and helps to maintain the Schools Woodland area and Dipping Pond. We also contribute to school trips for every year group and their after school projects too, including the Gardening Club, Cooking Club, and the Sports Teams.

This will be my 6th Year as Chairman, as I started when my child was in Reception and the PTA was about to fold, due to lack of helpers. However, since then we have managed to raise £50,000, put a lot of smiles on a lot of young faces and gone from strength to strength! If you can do anything to help the PTA please get in touch - Mrs McPartlin will forward any emails expressing interest. When school opens, we meet once each half term and use Social Media to keep in touch in between. The teachers are also heavily involved and help out wherever and whenever they can, so it really is a team effort. We aim high... and make a difference!

I hope your child settles quickly and look forward to seeing you in September.

Mark Woodhead.