

Friends of Seton School

Who are 'Friends of Seton School'?

Most schools have a Parent Teacher Association (PTA), which is an organisation of parents and staff. Its role is to encourage closer links between home and school and Friends of Seton School is no exception. We are a registered charity and can be found on the Charity Commission website.

PTA's and Friends groups are best known for their fundraising work, but they have a useful social function too. Fundraising events provide a great opportunity for parents, staff and pupils to get together and build a strong school community.



(2016 – 2017 members)



How are we organised?

At Seton School all parents/ carers and teachers are automatically members and can attend our meetings. New members are always welcome. Why not come along and see what we do? You might just be inspired to join us! Even if you can only give an hour or so here and there or if you just want to share some ideas, every little helps, so please do join us.

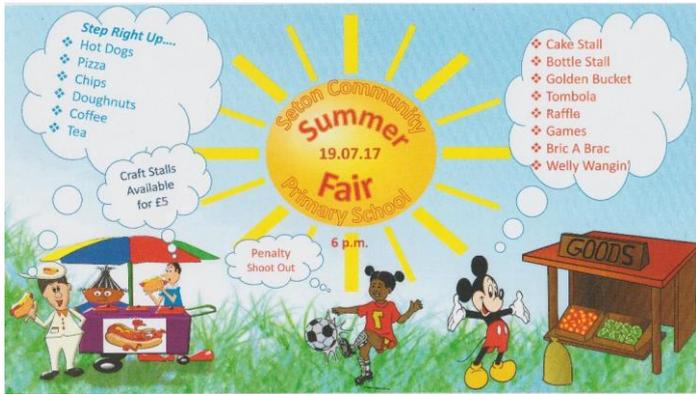
Our meetings usually last for around 90mins depending on what is on the agenda/issues raised. Our next meeting will be in the Spring Term. The date will be announced in our school newsletter.

From our membership individuals are elected onto the committee.

We hold an annual general meeting at the start of the school year where we elect the committee to run our charity. We have a chair, vice-chair, treasurer and a secretary as well as ordinary committee members.

We meet at least once a term and set up smaller working groups to organise individual events. We also manage the rota of volunteer helpers who help out at school events where refreshments are offered.

How is money raised?



We raise money through events/refreshment/sales and from applications to trusts and foundations. We organise and support school fairs and sponsored events. We hold raffles at some events, such as the Christmas Productions.

We're always looking for new fundraising ideas.



How is money spent?



Like most Friends groups or PTAs the funds we raise go towards extras not already provided by the school main income. For several years now we have contributed towards the cost of transport to educational visits, theatre trips and school swimming. We helped towards the cost of the school's reading cabin. These investments benefit all children. Decisions where the funds go rest entirely with the committee, though staff may make suggestions for items that are needed.

Currently we are fundraising for the installation of a running track on the school field. The facility will encourage all children to develop healthy lifestyles through a love of sport. Each class already takes part in the 'Daily Mile' challenge, though currently this is influenced by weather conditions. A dedicated running track would not only help us to be more active through the long winter months, but it would also be available for us by the local community. We hope families will enjoy developing a passion for running with their children.

Future projects include the renovation of our school library and the development of a community room.

What range of skills do our group have?

As all parents and carers are members our potential skills base is huge. Of course we only know about the skills of those who are kind enough to put themselves forward to help. Currently these include administration, fundraising, social media, marketing and PR. We are always on the lookout for individuals whose skills could assist us with our fundraising and events programme especially as our main focus for 2017-2018 is the new £20,000 purpose built running track. If you feel you might have something to offer please come along to one of our meetings or contact the chair for an informal discussion.

What are the benefits of getting involved in our group?

Simple – it's great fun! The committee is a lovely bunch of people who are dedicated to supporting the school and make sure they have a great time doing it.

By being a member of the Friends of Seton School you can keep in touch with school life and as your child spends more time at school than anywhere else that has to be a good thing!

