



MSA Newsletter

September '23

Welcome to a shiny new school year!!! The MSA (Martinshaw's PTA) have had a little rest over the summer and are back and raring to go with another year of fun and adventure. We already have lots of events planned for this year, and we can't wait to get stuck in! BRING ON year 23-24!!!

Committee News:

On September 18th we held our AGM and the following committee was elected:

Chair: Sara-Jane Butler

Vice Chair : Fiona Spencer-Melville

Treasurer: Hannah Moffatt

Secretary: **SPACE UNFULFILLED**

Teacher Liaison: Mrs C Brown.



Thank-you to Amanda Biggs who served as secretary for numerous years who has stepped down.

We are recruiting for a new secretary, if you are interested in the post, please get in touch 😊

We have a very small committee with only a few active members, and are always looking for new ideas. Please feel free to get in touch if you wish to join us or for more information.

Our next meeting is Monday 9th October 2023 6pm in the staffroom all welcome.

THE MSA NEEDS YOU!

Our AGM was a very small meeting with only 5 active members. In order for the MSA to be sustainable we are in need of help! ARE YOU THAT PERSON!?? We aren't asking for huge commitments, but if you can lend us a hand at any event from putting out chairs putting away table, or taking on a bigger role, we would really appreciate it.

The MSA rely on volunteers to enable events to run, if we are don't have enough volunteers, unfortunately we will be unable to offer all the things we have enjoyed and that the children look forward to! If you can help in anyway please get in touch with us!

Financial News:



Last year was the first year we have been able to run a full list of events since 2019!!! And what a year we had. Over all events, and fundraising opportunities the MSA raised around £5000 for the school!

The Money raised by the MSA goes straight back into your children's school experience. So what does the money go on?

- We help to subsidise school trips, with the cost of living rising, the cost of trips has risen too! To keep these affordable we have partially funded several trips! On average trips are coming in at over £20 per student – we have been able to help reduce that by paying on average £6.60 per student* towards the cost
- Enrichment in school – we ask class teachers every year if they would like any additional resources for their classroom to enhance the student experience. This ranges from physical resources, to providing outside companies to come and provide experiences for the children.
- First Aid for year 5 and 6, we enable year 5 and 6 to complete mini medics training, across 2 days! Teaching them life saving skills and how to respond in an emergency – this training is fully funded by the MSA at around £15 per student.
- We support the school with larger investments, and renovations – in the past this has included the student kitchen and the trim trail!
- FUN!!! at the end of last year we launched Class Fun Pots! Monies raised at certain events went straight into these pots for the children to spend as a class on something fun, some classes had a pizza party, others brought fun items for an afternoon off lessons and some even combined their funds for a massive blow out!
Over the course of each year the MSA invest on average £25 per student to enhance their time in school.

Class Fun Pots!!

We are delighted to start our class fun pots again! Over the course of the year classes will receive regular top ups. The class can choose when and how to spend the money!! The only rule is everyone must agree and it must be spent on something Fun !



*thn a class of 30 children receieving £200 funding – it may not be resrepresentative of all trips/classes due to varvine costs of trips and class sizes.

Halloween Events!

As we approach spooky Season we have lots of events planned to get you into the autumn spirit

Halloween Disco is planned for THURSDAY 26th October

KS1 -6-7pm

Ks2 7:15-8:15pm

(Please note the change of day this year)

Tickets will be available from Early October (watch this space)



Pumpkin Hunt

From the 1st October pumpkins will begin to appear around Martinshaw, the class who finds the most will be in to win a class treat so keep those eyes peeled for some pumpkin picking.

Colouring competition!

We are launching a colouring competition! There will be an image for your child to colour and then a short survey on the back for parents.

All colouring sheets returned will get a token prize, any FULLY completed forms (as in colouring and survey) will be entered into a draw to win a free place at the Halloween disco with a party bag.

Entries must be in by Friday 13th October. Draw will take place on Monday 23rd October.

Fancy in Cuppa??? !

Get out the rainy school run and **come and meet the MSA**

We have a drop in session on Friday 6th October at 3:15 in the school hall. Come and join us in the hall for a warm drink and a tasty treat.

Children's activities and drinks will be provided!

Meet the MSA members and see what we do and what we have lined up!

And a chance to grab your Halloween Disco Tickets!

Groby Scarecrow Festival 2023!!!

We can now officially say we are an AWARD WINNING PTA!

We entered this year's Rotary Club : Groby scarecrow festival with the nursery rhyme theme. The MSA's 'Wheels on the Bus' entry **came first** in the business and school category 😊



Future events

It's only September and we have already begun to think of the 'most wonderful time of the year' and into 2024..... we are **hoping**** to run the following activities - all dates to be confirmed

December: next year (2024)

Christmas Fayre Martinshaw has talent End of year Disco

Elfridges Summer Fayre Easter events and activities

Father Christmas Giant sleep over Mother's and Father's day events



If you are able to assist at any of our events, we would love to have you join us! ** these events will only run subject to enough volunteers