



Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Starting a PTA at Heron Hall**

I writing to invite you to our termly Family and Friends Meeting on March 23, 2023 at 9:30am. This meeting will be an opportune time, we think, to discuss creating a Parent Teachers Association (PTA) for the school.

Being a part of the PTA is a rewarding personal experience. You can develop new skills, gain experience in leadership, and make a positive difference in the lives of children in your school and community. Overall, joining the PTA is an excellent way to stay connected with us at Heron Hall and to make a positive impact on your child's education and development.

### **What is a PTA?**

A PTA (also called Family and Friends Association) is an open community of parents and volunteers working alongside the school and teachers towards a common goal, strengthening the school community. At the meeting on 23 March we would like to elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for the PTA.

### **Join our mailing list**

If you can't come to the meeting but would like to be added to our new email list so you can keep up to date with our activities, please let us know [heron@northstartrust.org.uk](mailto:heron@northstartrust.org.uk) and head your email 'PTA'.

### **Why is a PTA important?**

Getting involved in the PTA allows you to meet other parents and create valuable social connections within the school community. It also sets a great example for your child - Being active in the PTA not only improves your child's school but also makes you an excellent role model. Research has confirmed what we already knew: When children are parents involved in their school and learning, it encourages them to do their best.

### **Here are 5 great reasons to join the PTA.**

- 1. It builds trust** – It's a great way to get to know other parents and teachers whilst gaining an insight into the workings of the school. With parents and teachers striving towards the same goals, the parent group is instrumental in making a real difference in the school life of all children.
- 2. It raises funds** - Whether it's creating an outdoor learning space or buying equipment for the science lab, the funds raised from your activities impact massively on the opportunities and experiences of all the children at school.
- 3. It gives you a voice** - Many PTAs already act as a consultative group for the school leaders and governors. So, whether it's deciding on where PTA funds are spent or getting parent views on school activities, you can make sure parents have a voice in how your school operates.
- 4. It forges connections beyond the school gates** - PTAs are brilliant for building relationships with the local community, from events to sponsorships from local businesses and press coverage of these events.

5. **It's good for you** - Every parent has plenty to offer a PTA and whether it's being on the committee or helping out, your talents will be put to good use. As well as being enjoyable and satisfying, you can build your confidence and learn new skills too.

Interested in finding out more?

Join us! Why not come along to our meeting? The meeting will be held on **Thursday 23 March 2022 at 9:30 am**. But if you can't come along, please join our mailing list [heron@northstartrust.org.uk](mailto:heron@northstartrust.org.uk) and head your email 'PTA'.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Barzey', written in a cursive style.

Mr A Barzey  
Head Teacher

Mr Arthur Barzey  
Headteacher