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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am disappointed to be writing this letter to all parents of Junior school pupils but the reality of the situation means I must sadly now do so.

Regrettably, there will be no social events for children or adults organised by the PTA this Autumn and possibly for the whole of this academic year. For some years now there has been a decreasing number of volunteers who turn up to PTA events that they had previously agreed to help run, and even fewer adults prepared to be part of the Committee who do all the prior preparation and local arrangements to make fun, safe events and raise funds for school.

As you may be aware, several of the Officers of the PTA committee no longer have any children attending Court Lane and during the school year 2018-19 made repeated requests for parents to join and support. A small committee team and a few reliable helpers from parents and staff were most successful last year and we now have lecterns and reliable sound systems in both schools halls and in the previous year, laptops were the major PTA purchase. However, at the Annual General Meeting last Thursday, we thanked the outgoing team but only Staff, the retiring Chair, one Officer, 2 existing members and 1 extra parent attended.

We had to take the decision to limit fundraising and social occasions (with such a small number it is all we can safely do) and focus our collective energies on the major event of the school year – i.e The Summer Fayre on 4th July 2020. Therefore, unfortunately there will be no Film Night on 2nd October and no Christmas decoration workshops this Autumn term for pupils at Court Lane Junior School.

The PTA committee for 19-20 and officers voted in democratically are:

Chair – Mrs Kati Leunig

Treasurer – Mr Shaun Stenning

Secretary – Mrs Suzie Richardson

Mrs Sarah Lewis; and staff members Miss E Kelly; Mrs J Ramshaw; Mrs K Reynolds; Mr D Recchia and Mrs I Cordery.

I respectfully ask that if you can please seriously consider joining the PTA committee we would love to hear from you at cljs.pta@gmail.com . All of us are unpaid volunteers when it comes to evening and weekend activities, some work full time but we do what we can when we can. We have set aside a committee meeting on **Monday 18th November to meet at Court Lane Junior School at 7.30pm**. If we can extend the committee (as well as getting a firm commitment in advance to assist at the events) then we hope the Spring events can go ahead. A whole new committee may consider meetings at other times if it best suits them, so please let us know timings that would best suit your life.

Best wishes

Mrs J Ramshaw
Head Teacher

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