



# Merrill PTFA

## Parents, Teachers and Friends Association



### Who are the Merrill PTFA? -

A group of parents, teachers and others just like you who are interested in helping Merrill students.

Could this be you?

*New Parents Especially Welcome!*



Do come along and join in! Help us to help the children of Merrill Academy.

Informal meetings are held just once a month for no more than an hour. They are held in the school Library on Thurs [Grab your reader's attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.]

### PTFA Meetings

Informal meetings are held on a regular basis so that parents, friends and staff can discuss ways of helping Merrill students. Children are welcome to come along. It is not essential to attend all meetings since we recognise that parents lead busy lives, but, any help or support you can give either by coming to a meeting or helping at one of the events would be welcomed. Just coming to the events themselves is a useful way of enjoying yourselves and supporting Merrill children. Any involvement – no matter how small – would be a real help to the students and staff of Merrill.

### What do the PTFA do? In the past they have -

- Helped out at events and open evenings
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- Held places on the governing body to represent the parents
- Arranged social events and refreshments for school events
- Secured grants to take children on activity weekends.
- Supported the students by attending functions

At the moment we are raising funds to give children the opportunity to go away for a residential weekend stay in a Youth Hostel, to explore the Derbyshire and Staffordshire countryside and to learn new skills in an outdoor setting. We are currently also supported by funds from Allenton Big Local and from Children in Need. The more money we can raise the more children we can take away!

***Come and join us!  
Help us to help Merrill children***



Visits to the Derbyshire Peak District funded by grants arranged through the PTFA.

### What did the children think?

The trip has been brilliant. **COOL.** Amazing!  
I have seen lots of wildlife. **Food was great.**  
The best part was walking and playing outside.  
Thor's cave was exciting! **Wicked!!!!!!**  
Fun and adventurous!

See the latest Trip Report by clicking here  
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If you have any questions or would like to come and join us please let me know – suggestions and ideas always welcome!

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