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Hello and welcome from your new PTA team!

Before we introduce ourselves, we just want to say a massive thank you to the outgoing PTA who, I’m sure you can all agree, did an amazing job at raising a substantial amount of much needed money for our school.  We have followed suit this year and have gone for a small group of co-chairs rather than just one chair. We are **Daisy** (mum to Freddie in Year 6 and Xavi in Year 3), **Kam** (mum to Edith in Year 2) and **Kirsty** (mum to Pixie in Year 2 and Indie in Reception).

For all three of us this is all very new as we have never been members of the PTA committee before, despite each of us being class reps over the years, so we are hoping that being co-chairs will help us to spread the load and support each other throughout the year. We also have the promised support of the outgoing PTA, as well as from members of the PTA from years gone by, which is of course very much appreciated.

Our main aim this year is, as always, to raise funds for the school. It is unavoidable with the drastic cuts to funding that schools receive year on year that this has to be our main priority. However, we are fully aware that, bar our lovely new reception parents, it is the same people being asked for donations in one way or another each term. As a way of thanking people for that continued support we want to give back to the school community not only by hosting fun events for parents and kids alike, but also via events that give you the opportunity to make some money for yourselves too (we're thinking nearly new sales etc.) and events that support the small and local businesses that many of our parents and carers run.

 We are lucky enough to have an amazing school community here at St James, and we are ever grateful for the support the PTA receives from parents each year. We hope to continue to grow that community, add in a bit of fun along the way, and find ways of showing our gratitude. Thanks in advance for all of your support; we really hope to make this a fun and successful year for everyone in the St James school community.

Daisy Huntington, Kam Prevett and Kirsty Bostock