



# Newsletter

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## LOCKDOWN ...



We hope everyone is keeping well during our lock down, I can't believe how fast the past couple of months have gone! It will be September before we know it! We are still uncertain as to when we will be able to get back to school and how the new "normal" will be but we hope that everyone knows we are all in this together so if anyone is struggling then just get in touch.

It has been lovely to see the rainbows and window art in people's windows during our daily walks too!

## FUNDS RAISED ...

It is safe to say that the fundraising for this school year 2019/2020 has sadly finished due to the current Covid-19 pandemic but we have had an absolute blast and we hope that the children have too with the events that we have held. Here is a brief summary of the fundraising that we have done this school year and how much each event has raised...

- Films Clubs – £503.26
- Parents evening refreshments (October) – £65.08
- Halloween Disco – £579.62
- Elf School – £683.16
- Christmas Fair – £3,626.32
- Wreath Making – £374.00
- Carol Wagon – £787.18
- Christmas Shop – £384.13
- Breakfast with Santa – £476.21
- Nativity Raffle – £507.00
- Christmas Cards – £147.00
- Penny Wars – £1,536.08
- Valentines Disco – £390.40
- Krispy Kreme – £116.00
- Marathon – £1,724.83
- Break the Rules – £263.41
- Reading Event – £856.34
- Earth Company (Year 1 business event) – £140.00
- Quiz Night – £85.00
- Mothers Day Shop – £0.00 (£157.76 loss)
- Pre loved uniform – £62.29
- Amazon Smile – £0.00
- Easy Fundraising – £39.70
- Uniform Commission (from Cain's of Heswall) - £175.00
- Gift Aid - £1,010.60
- Parents Donations – £3,074.00

**GRAND TOTAL - £17,356.67**

(\*\* Final accounts to be signed off at the end of the year so this figure may change slightly)



THANK YOU!



## **CLOTHES DONATIONS ...**

We have joined up with a company who are collecting our unwanted clothes and in turn helping us to raise money through an eco recycling scheme! If you would like to have a clear out and help us to raise money at the same time in an eco friendly way then when we go back to school you will be able to collect a bag from the office (or bags if you have lots to sort!) and get sorting. We will confirm when the first collection will be as soon as we can. We will aim to do 4 collections per school year so you'll be de-cluttered in no time!

Each major term the company will be running a School Eco-Champion Competition, whereby the school that collects the most amount of clothes in weight will be rewarded by them matching the money raised and presenting it via cheque to a charity of our choice .... Gayton Primary PTA is a charity!

## **SHOPPING ...**



Don't forget if you are doing any online shopping or setting up new home accounts then do this via the Easy Fundraising app – we will receive a % of your purchase at no extra cost to you!!

We are also registered with Amazon Smile – if you can select Gayton Primary School PTA as your chosen charity we will receive 0.5% of your purchase at no extra cost to you!



## **NEW F2 CHILDREN ...**

We have prepared some info for the new F2 parents who will no doubt be experiencing mixed emotions about now, especially with everything that is happening in the world with the Coronavirus and the effect it is having on school life. If you need anything at all please don't hesitate to ask – we don't bite! The info should be sent out via school to all new F2 parents whose children are starting in September (hopefully!)

## **AGM ...**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at some time in September (date TBC). After much thought and debate myself & Lindsay (joint chair), Maxine (vice chair), Anne & Adele (joint secretary) & Zoe (treasurer) have decided to stand down, therefore the following positions will be available ...

### **Chair**

The Chair provides leadership for the committee, sets the agenda for meetings and manages meetings in line with the agenda. The Chair should ensure that issues are properly debated and an agreement is reached. The Chair will work closely with the Treasurer and Secretary to ensure that the PTA is run effectively.

### **Vice Chair**

Deputising for the Chairperson when necessary, the Vice-Chair helps to ensure that the Committee and all of the events continue to run smoothly. As with the Chair, leadership, enthusiasm and energy are necessary qualities for this post.

### **Treasurer**

Although all PTA committee members are responsible for the management of funds, the Treasurer has the important role in helping everyone to carry out these duties properly. The Treasurer can be anyone on the committee and is responsible for keeping accurate financial records.

### **Secretary**

The Secretary is a key committee member as they are responsible for ensuring effective communication links between committee members and between the PTA and the school. The Secretary deals with all the correspondence that the PTA receives and helps the Chair ensure that committee meetings run smoothly.

If you are interested in any of the above positions then please send an email to **gaytonprimarypta@gmail.com**. Without the above posts being filled the PTA will be unable to continue to run next year.

Please don't be put off by so many roles coming available, we have all loved our time with the PTA but due to various reasons such as new jobs, new babies etc we are unable to commit to the current roles. Roles can also be shared.

On behalf of all of the PTA committee, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness, your donations, your help and most importantly your support. Considering we only had half of the school year to fundraise over £17,000.00 is an amazing achievement that we are immensely proud of!

We are somewhat disappointed that we haven't been able to finish our fundraising efforts for the rest of the year – imagine the total if we had been able to - but don't worry, we will still take the reins for some events that have already been part-planned for next year!

Thank you again,

*Nikki & All the PTA Team x*