



Newsletter

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SUCCESS! ...

Where do we start?! Wow! Thank you so much to everyone for all of your support with the Christmas Fair as without you it wouldn't have been possible. Thank you for all the donations, help, your time, coming to the fair, everything! We have now calculated that including the match funding and gift aid the total raised at the Christmas Fair 2019 was **£4,476.02** – Amazing!

The other events that we have hosted this term have also been a huge hit and the following amounts have been raised ...

- Film Club (Aladdin & Toy Story 4) – £279.63
- Refreshments @ parents evening – £130.66
- Halloween Disco – £554.00
- Elf School – £696.16
- Christmas Fair – £4,476.02
- Wreath Making – £324.20
- Carol Wagon – £787.00
- Breakfast with Santa – £528.00
- Nativity raffle – £510.00
- Christmas Cards - £147.00
- Other inc easy fundraising & gift aid -£1,034.59

Total Raised in first term so far - £9,333.47

(The above figures for some events are approx as we are still waiting for some funds to come in)

This really will make a massive difference to school, we will be able to purchase lots more items from the schools wish list with the money that has been raised this term to go with the items we have already bought. And we are nearly half way to our total target!!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA ...



This was another new event for the PTA and it was brilliant! The children thoroughly enjoyed it, and it was another sold out event (well over subscribed with 83 children) which we are so grateful for. Your support has been truly fantastic so *Thank You!*

A big thank you to Chris Sheppard from Endeavour Financial Services for your sponsorship of this event, this was a really big help and really added to the fundraising so that the money we raised was profit without having to have expenses.



All the children also received a letter back from the North Pole – delivered by Santa's helpers!

If you missed this event look out for it next year and be sure to get your tickets as soon as they come out.



ELFRIDGES & CHRISTMAS LUNCH ...

Another lovely day was had by all the children for Elfridges Christmas shop and the Christmas lunch, where the children went and chose their gifts for their loved ones and wrapped them up with the help of our PTA elves. This is always a day that the children really enjoy and it's magical for the adults that help too! This is a none profit event for PTA and is simply an event for the children to enjoy.

This year as a thank you we wanted to give something back so we decided to give every child in the school a small gift bag from PTA by our very own Elves!



CAROL WAGON ...

Thank you to everyone who came along to help collect money for the Heswall Round Table carol wagon, we had 12 helpers which meant to received 60% of the total donations which came to £787!!

CHRISTMAS' 7 MARATHONS ...

Sadly we have had to postpone the Christmas Marathon due to the schools Ofsted inspection until a date in January that is to be confirmed.

We have had some media coverage of the marathon event with articles in the Wirral Globe, Liverpool Echo and Wirral Life! A big thank you to Laura Young who has dealt with all the PR for the marathon.

The postponement means we have extra time to get sponsored and remember the just giving page is open for any donations to be made or if you want to share the link with family and friends who haven't sponsored on the sponsorship forms – <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gayton-pta>

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored already!

PENNY WARS ...

We will be starting our next event on the first day back after Christmas which will be penny wars. Each class will be able to bring in any coins (UK coins only please) and put them in the jar in their class, this will be until the half term holidays which is when we will count the totals each class has collected. The money will then be used by PTA to buy as many items as possible from each teacher's class wish list. The wish lists are at the bottom of the newsletter and will also be sent home along with further information about penny wars during the first week back in January. If you want to purchase an item from the wish list please feel free to do so, the more help we can get the better!



SHOPPING ...



Don't forget if you are doing any online shopping including booking any holidays 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!



PURCHASES ...

The latest purchases we have made from the school's wish list are reading books for all year groups to meet the curriculum, maths equipment, e-safety awareness 2 year subscription for all year groups and books on different family types to support PHSE and meet national curriculum. All of this has totalled approx £5,000

Still to buy on the wish list is as follows ...

- Decodable phonics books (approx £2k)
- Independent reading books for KS2 (approx £4k)
- Guided reading books sets for KS1 & KS2 (approx £2k)
- Fit a felt roof to the gazebo
- New shed for the stage blocks to be stored in as current is rotted and has holes in roof
- Carry out essential repairs to F2 outdoor classroom
- iPads (at least 8 more to enable a whole class to work at the same time – plus ideally another 30)

Further purchases will be made in January and we will keep you all updated

In addition to the above we have purchased every class teacher (one for each year group) a £50 Amazon voucher for them to spend on their class for items that are needed now before penny wars starts.

FUTURE EVENTS FOR NEXT TERM ...

January	Marathon – date TBC
7 Jan – 14 Feb	Penny Wars
27 Jan	Film Club – The Lion King (new release) (3.20pm-5.15pm)
5 Feb	Valentine Disco (3.20pm-5pm Children only)
6 Feb	Krispy Kreme donut sale after school
14 Feb	Break the rules day (last day of term)
2 March	Film Club – film TBC (3.20pm-5.15pm)
5 March	World Book Day
6 March	Launch the reading event with an assembly
9-15 March	Sponsored read
13 March	“Mother’s Day” shop – celebrating strong women in our lives
23-27 March	Reading Bingo event
30 March	Easter Bunny Bingo
2 April	Easer Hunt (3.20pm-4.30pm)
3 April	Celebration assembly for the reading event



MEETING ...

We will announce the next PTA meeting which will be in January once we return in the New Year, we hope to see lots of faces

We'd like to take this opportunity to again thank you for your support during our first school term of this school year.

Also to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Teacher Wish Lists

F2

Writing pads (check with teacher before ordering)
Listening station
Range of small sand timers
Number & alphabetic/phonetic play doh cutters

Year 1

Visualiser (link to laptop)
Globe
Magic paper (lined/squared)
A1 Flip chart

Year 2

Visualiser (link to laptop)
Globe
A1 Flipchart
Magic paper

Year 3

A1 Flipchart
Globe
Wet play colouring/puzzle books
Magic paper (lined/squared)

Year 4

A1 Flipchart
Blow up globe
Magic paper for wall (lined/squared)

Year 5

Force meters (scale etc to be checked with teacher before ordering)
Big blow up globe
Colouring/puzzle books for wet play times
Calculators
A1 Flipchart

Year 6

Visualiser
A1 Flipchart
Globe

***We have asked the teachers to add to their wish lists and stop being so polite!
The teachers buy things out of their own money for the class which shouldn't happen, the
lists will therefore be added to after Christmas and updated lists will be sent home with
further information about penny wars in the New Year***