



Newsletter

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FULL STEAM AHEAD ...

Well we have had a busy few weeks with all the events that are planned for this half term! After a meeting with Mrs McAleny to discuss the schools "wish list" we have certainly ploughed on and made a really good go and getting as much as we can. Due to your continued support of the PTA and the events we hold we have managed to buy thirty of the following: Atlases, Dictionaries and Thesauruses for £1084, as well as a further thirty glockenspiels and a storage trolley for £676.49 and two much needed Benchmark kits for £650.



Remaining on the "wish list" that we want to work towards is as follows ...

- Decodable phonics books (approx £2k)
- Independent reading books for KS2 (approx £4k)
- Guided reading books sets for KS1 & KS2 (approx £2k)
- Book sets for each year group for the new curriculum (approx £1300)
- Maths equipment (approx £1500)
- 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 for F2)

As you can see – we have our work cut out and we really need your help and support!

EVENTS HAVE STARTED WITH A BANG ...



We are thrilled with the response to the events that have been held so far, Elf School is a **HUGE** hit and is now full – we are actually 1 over with 61 children – fantastic! Once week 4 has finished we will be able to announce the grand total we have raised at Elf School.

The Halloween disco was amazing with 122 children in attendance, it was lovely to see so many happy faces – and the children seemed to be smiling too! We raised a grand total of £554 at the disco which is fantastic for just over an hour. Thank you to everyone who came and supported our school.



UPCOMING EVENTS ...

We have now booked in some of our events for next year and we are really excited to get stuck in and get our hands dirty and raise lots of money to get even more ticked off the list and help our children to get the best out of their education and time and Gayton Primary School as well as building memories that will last forever.

Film Club – 19th November
Elf School – 18th & 25th November
Christmas Fair – 29th November from 3.30pm – 6pm
Wreath Making – 2nd December
Round Table Carol Wagon – 9th December
Christmas Shop "Elfridges" – 13th December
Breakfast & story with Santa – 16th December
Christmas Marathon – 17th December
Penny Wars – 7th January – February half term
Reading Event – Starting 10th January



CHRISTMAS FAIR ...

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Please let us know if you can run a stall at the fair – we need you for just 40 minutes – it really will make all the difference. *Without your help we will have to cancel stalls and this really isn't something we want to do!*

The grotto tickets are now available to purchase on Parent Pay at £3.50 each – please put your preferred time in the comments box and we will try and book you in as close as possible.

We have invited local businesses to come to the fair to set up stalls so that you can buy Christmas presents and get into the festive mood! Items will range from £1 - £100 so make sure you bring lots of pennies to avoid disappointment. We have hair and beauty products, handmade toys, handmade jewellery, artisan gifts & beautifully selected gifts.

RAFFLE TICKETS ...

We hope that everyone is selling lots of raffle tickets for the fair, we have some brilliant prizes up for grabs and don't forget the family that sells the most tickets will win a **£50 Gusto voucher and the children in the family win a goodie bag of sweets, free entry to either a film club or disco and a Jumpin' Joseph 2 hour bounce voucher for 1 child!**

THANK YOU ...

We have to say a massive thank you to everyone of our Christmas Fair sponsors, without your support we wouldn't be able to create such an amazing event to raise lots of money for our children. Our Christmas Fair 2019 sponsors are –

West Wallasey
Red Systems Ltd
Vimto Drinks

Gemini Build & Design Ltd
Devon Doorway
Poppies Heswall

Warren Phillips
Toni & Guy Heswall
Searchability

Castle Carpets
Harris Opticians

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ...



Remember **EASY FUNDRAISING** – if you shop with your favourite shops/websites via the easy fundraising app or website then we will get a percentage of your purchase at no extra cost to you! It will make a huge difference to PTA! Spread the word to all your family and friends and let's see if we can really boost our fundraising!

We have now signed up to Amazon Smile – please add us as your favoured charity so we can get as much as possible for our school!

7 MARATHONS IN ONE DAY ...

The children will be running 7 marathons in one day on 17th December to raise money for PTA! Each child will complete 1 mile around the “mile lap” on the playground starting with year 6 and working down to F2 with the aim to run a combined total of 183.4 miles! Every child will receive a sponsorship form in the next few weeks to get as many sponsors as possible ready for their challenge

Parents can join in and enter for £10 each to top up the miles and the children are already excited to cheer the grown-ups on!

A Just Giving page has been set up for this event and can be found at

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gayton-pta>



We aim to raise £5,000 to help us to get through the schools wish list and benefit the education of our children. Please pass the Just Giving link on to anyone who would like to support the event and our school.

Our next meeting is on Friday 22nd November, 9am in the Dee Room, to finalise the Christmas Fair, please do come along if you can and the next PTA meeting will be in 2020!