



# Newsletter

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## **AGM ...**



The AGM took place this week and attendance at the virtual meeting was fantastic, the most amount of people we have had at an AGM in recent years which is really positive. However, the volunteers to fill the available roles was sadly poor, 2 existing trustees have stayed on and we have a new trustee joined.

The new committee is ...

**Chair – Nikki Phillips**

**Secretary – Jenny Young**

**Treasurer – Nicola Chapman**

Welcome Jenny and thank you for coming forward to take on a trustee role!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the PTA committee members that have now stepped down from 2019/20 – Lindsay Murphy, Anne Hogan, Maxine Seaton, Zoe Simms & Adele Rylance for all of their efforts.

We will be holding an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) after Christmas where we will need a new treasurer to be able to continue as a PTA, otherwise sadly we will have no choice but to go dormant. If this is a role that you could do please get in touch as this would be a perfect period to work alongside Nicola and learn the role.

## **THE WAY IT'S RUN ...**

We are going to try something new with how PTA is run this year, we will be having numerous year group reps as well as the trustees and this will form the "committee". The role of the year group reps will be to communicate with the parents within the year group, encourage parents to volunteer their time and to encourage parents to host events (socially distanced and adhere to current guidelines). If any parents would like to host an event and have specific idea please get in touch, we have some formalities we need to go through and then we can go from there but all ideas will be most welcome!



## **GAZEBO ROOF ...**



Due to various storms the shingles on the gazebo roof has come off and the structure is now beginning to get damaged, we have received numerous quotes to repair the roof and have been trying to work out the finances so we have enough for the roof repair as well as purchasing the items school have requested. An F2 parent has saved the day and restored our faith in humanity and offered to carry out the work to put a new roof on the gazebo FREE OF CHARGE!! How amazing is this?! All we can say is **THANK YOU,**

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## **IPADS ...**

We are delighted to announce that we have now managed to finalise a deal to purchase 32 new iPads for school along with the charging trolley and accessories! This is all down to the support of the parents, teachers and families at Gayton! This will make a huge difference to the education of the children, especially with the way we are having to adapt sometimes to remote learning with the current pandemic



## SOUND SYSTEM ...

The sound system has now been delivered and has been installed in school this week, the total donations we have received for the sound system is £1,952.00 which is amazing and all we can say is **THANK YOU!** Donations are still able to be submitted via ParentPay.

**GIFT AID** - If you have made a donation are we are able to claim gift aid on your donation please would you kindly send an email to [gaytonprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:gaytonprimarypta@gmail.com) to enable us to print the details off and attach to a gift aid form which in turn will allow us to claim 25% of your donation which could be a huge amount for us of potentially £488.00! The details we need are your full name, home address and stating that you would like to add gift aid to your donation.

A gift aid form is attached to this newsletter in case anyone would rather complete the form and either email it back or place in the PTA post box in reception.

## CLOTHES COLLECTION ...



We had the first clothes collection this week to help raise vital funds for PTA during this extremely uncertain time, it was the first time we have ever ran anything like this and the response seemed pretty positive – The weight of the clothes donated was 523kg which generated an income of £209.20!

The next collection will be in the New Year

## SCHOOL LOTTERY ...

Don't forget to sign up the school lottery online where there will be a draw every Saturday starting on 17 October. The lines cost £1 each, you can sign up at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/gayton-primary-school> The prizes vary with the top prize each week being £25k!!



## CHRISTMAS CARDS ...



A massive, big thank you to Ellie Wood for once again pulling it out the bag and organising the Christmas cards. You will get your artwork pack shortly so you can get your little darlings to design their Christmas cards over half term, if you can please make sure that your art work is returned promptly on the first day back after half term this would be great to avoid any delay as time scales are tighter this year as items will need to be quarantined etc. These are such a lovely personal thing for Christmas especially to look back on as the children get older, don't forget it's not just cards you can order, they also do mugs, gift labels and wrapping paper!

## EVENTS ...

The events this school year are a little different to normal as we have had to ensure that the ones we hold are covid compliant, the safety of the children and school community is paramount. The events we have confirmed for this term are as follows ...

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| 17 October -              | School lottery starts  |
| 21 October -              | Pumpkin carving competition - £1   |
| 23 October -              | Break the rules day –<br>50p per rule broken to a maximum of 4 (£2)            |
| 24 October – 1 November - | Halloween Hunt - £5 per child  |
| 31 October -              | Virtual Balloon Race from Dracula's Castle - £3 each                           |
| 1 December -              | Virtual wreath making – Details TBC  |
| 5 December -              | Lets go to Lapland! – Details TBC  |
| 11 December -             | Elfridges Christmas Shop - £2 per gift   |
| 11 December -             | Letter and gift from Santa closing date - £4 per child                         |
| 17 December -             | Non uniform day and make your own Christmas hat - £2<br>Plus "Party in a box!" |



## VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE ...

Our virtual balloon race will start on 31 October from Dracula's Castle and will last 7 days ... who will win?! Balloons are £3 each and you can buy as many as you want, you can choose how you want your balloon to look and the message written on it too. £2.40 from every balloon bought goes straight to PTA! The prizes include £500 cash, an iPad and 10 x £10 book vouchers – AMAZING!



Get your balloons today from <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/906>



## IN THE PIPE LINE ...

Our fab team have some brilliant ideas for socially distanced events and we have some really fun (and festive) events in the pipe line so keep your eyes peeled! If anyone wants to run an event please get in touch and let's make it happen. We won't let Corona beat us! WATCH THIS SPACE!

## UNIFORMS ...

Don't forget our uniform shop has some brilliant quality pre-loved uniform. Contact **Helen Peters** on **07446 909 812** for a full stock list or to place your orders. Payments for uniforms is all cashless now and can be made on parent pay as a donation – remember all donations made we can claim gift aid on so please add your details in the comments section to allow gift aid to be claimed!

Also, we are in partnership with **Cain of Heswall** where they have kindly agreed to donate a percentage of the sales of uniforms for Gayton Primary School to the school.

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ...

We will be holding a Christmas raffle this year again but it will be socially distanced with payments via parent pay and digital tickets (also thinking of the environment as well as the virus!) but we need prizes! Some of you have donated some lovely prizes to the raffle and we are so grateful. If anyone is able to donate a raffle prize please get in touch with either your class rep or send an email to [gaytonprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:gaytonprimarypta@gmail.com).



Alternatively, if parents want to support local businesses and PTA at the same time and would be happy to donate a voucher purchased from a local business then this would be amazing!

## 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 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



## PENNY WARS ...

Two classes are still in credit from last years penny wars! We thought it was only fair the credit was carried forward with the class rather than staying with the teacher as it was the actual class that worked so hard getting all their pennies! Year 1 have a credit of £165.38 (last years F2) and Year 2 have a credit of £184.68 (last years Year 1). Miss Nederlof and Mrs Daly/Mrs Carroll are going to decide with the classes what they would like to use their money for.

## ***HALLOWEEN HUNT ...***

All orders for Halloween hunt packs must be received by Monday 19 October to guarantee a pack. We will make up extra packs but due to them needing to be quarantined we can't guarantee any packs ordered after Monday 19 October. Orders can be made on parent pay.

**Thank you for your continued support of our PTA  
We hope that lots of you can join us for our next PTA meeting via Microsoft Teams on  
Monday 9 November at 7.30pm  
(Please send us your email address so a secure link can be sent for the meet)**