



PTA Newsletter



Swanland School
PTA
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

April 2018

www.swanlandeducationtrust.co.uk

Hello!

March brought a PTA Meeting, the first (adults only) Quiz Night, Nearly New Uniform Sales and the Easter Egg Giveaway.

We have introduced "Class Reps" and wish to welcome **Lucy North** as the 6KG Class Rep!

We are also starting an exciting new venture called the "Costume Closet". See information further on in the newsletter.

Upcoming PTA Dates

April

10-13th - Costume Closet Donations
17th - Bag2School due in

May

10/11th - Nearly New Uniform Sales
11th - Family Bingo Night 6.30pm
15th - PTA Meeting

June

6th - Sports Day Refreshments
12th - PTA Meeting
14th - Swanland Has Talent 6.30pm
18th - Sports Day Refreshments

July

6th - Summer Fundraiser

Fundraising UPDATE!

Quiz Night	£582.45
Nearly New Uniform	£103.00
Easter Egg Giveaway	£574.40
Co-op (1 st quarter)	£342.58
Stampastic	£43.75

PTA Meeting:

We had another good attendance at the PTA meeting in March with 18 in all.

There was a lot to discuss and we managed to get through it all quickly and with positive results.

During the meeting the PTA agreed to fund the following:

- The Indian dancers for the multi-cultural week.
- The repairs to the Reception sandpit.
- Class books for years 2, 3, 4, 5.
- Year 4 London Trip (the PTA are part funding this).
- Tablets - 20 donated so far
- Year 6 Math and English revision aids for the SATS.



Big News:

THE PTA ARE TO
FUND THE
REDEVELOPMENT
OF THE LIBRARY.

Sally Patrick approached the PTA at the meeting with a proposal asking for help to make the library a new and exciting place to be. We all agreed this would benefit the entire school and her ideas were fantastic, therefore this will be our main PTA focus.

Sally would like the project to be ready for the children in September 2018, so we have committed to using all the money raised from the Co-Op and Waitrose to go towards that project. We will begin by giving £1500 so they can get started.

The whole room is to be revamped so if you know of a joiner who would be interested in this project please ask him to contact the school.



Quiz Night:

The first adults only quiz night held in the main hall was a great success raising **£582.45**. We had plenty of teams turn out who enjoyed the general knowledge, music and brainteaser questions.

The Fish and Chips, the bar and the Raffle all added to the evening.

Thanks go to:

- The set up and clear up crew.
- Ruth Cooper who did a great job of writing the questions and being the Quiz Master for the evening.
- Dan Crook for the artwork
- Sally Patrick, Helene Hart and Tracy Lee for manning the bar.



More pictures on the PTA Facebook group.

Nearly New Uniform Sales:

Well done to Suzanne, Claire, Sarah, Monica and Tracey for setting up and manning the nearly new uniform stall at the parent's evenings.

We raised an amazing **£103.00** thanks to everyone who made a purchase!

ANY DONATIONS OF GOOD QUALITY UNIFORM TO REPLENISH OUR STOCK WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED – we are low on branded polo's, sweatshirts, cardigans, coats and jackets that have Swanland logo.

Big Easter Egg Giveaway:



The PTA would like to thank everyone who participated in and helped to put together this year's Easter Egg Giveaway; another successful event which raised a total of **£574.40!**

Congratulations to our Winners!

Individual Easter Eggs went to everyone who chose number 9.



Giant Chocolate Prizes went to 4 lucky families.

Chocolate heaven!

Co-op funding update

We have raised **£342.58** in our first quarter. If you haven't done it yet, please make sure you have a Co-op membership card and NOMINATE SWANLAND AS YOUR CHOSEN CAUSE!

Stamptastic update

The Stamptastic fundraising link has raised **£43.75** for Swanland School PTA so far. See information on Stamptastic further down in the newsletter.

THIS MONTH:

Costume Closet Donations

10/11/12/13th at 8.40am

The PTA are putting together a "Costume Closet" for all those unwanted good condition fancy dress items that our children could reuse for many school shows/plays/non uniform days, etc.

We hope this will help you out in the future ... rather than having to stress and getting on Amazon at the last minute, you can contact Swanland School PTA.

PLEASE DONATE GOOD QUALITY COSTUMES TO GET US STARTED.

Donation collections will be at morning drops offs April 10-13th in both playgrounds.

It would be helpful if you could mark the item with the year and which play or theme it was used for.

Bag2School

Tuesday 17th April

www.bags2school.com

Bags 2 School is a free, fun and easy way to raise funds. In fact, the last collection raised £178.00!

We encourage you to clear out your wardrobes and bag up all your unwanted clothes, handbags, shoes, soft toys, linen, curtains, towels and bedding. Don't worry, we will provide you with the bag! We then receive funds depending on the weight of everything we collect. So simple – and a great way to help declutter!

Easy to drop off:

We will accept bags at the office on the afternoon before (Monday 16 April) up until 6pm.

Or Tuesday 17 April

- bring your bags to the office before 9am.
- use the curbside bag drop alongside the usual child drop-off location (weather permitting).

UPCOMING:

Plans are coming together on the following events:

Nearly New Uniform Sales

These are planned to run alongside the Book Fayre.

Family Bingo Night

Details are being finalised and information should be out soon.

Sports Day Refreshments

Drinks and crisps will be for sale.

Swanland has Talent

Plans are being put into place for this evening of entertainment. Judges are being asked, trophies are being ordered. We will need volunteers to serve drinks.

Summer Fundraiser

Our annual BBQ arrangements are under way. The main change this year is the venue ... it will be on the school playing fields, NOT at the farm.

Does anyone have connections with regards to canopies and gazebos we can borrow.

Father's Day (17th June)

We are looking at doing the same mug/coaster idea that we did for Mother's Day – details to be confirmed.



17th April Bag2School

If you can help with the curbside bag drop - getting bags out of cars to ease any congestion and move bags into the school - please contact:

monicajwilliams@hotmail.com

10th & 11th May Nearly New Uniform Sales

If you can help for any length of time then please contact:

mail@suzanneburn.co.uk

11th May Family Bingo Night

If you think you could help between 5.45-9.30pm (approximately) then please contact:

monicajwilliams@hotmail.com

The more helpers, the less time needed from you.

2019 FUNDRAISING IDEAS:

Discussions have started with regards to ideas for future fundraisers:

- ❖ Wine Tasting Evening
- ❖ Napoleons Casino

Any thoughts/other ideas would be welcomed.

NEWS

Playground Painting

The games have been repainted over the Easter holidays on the playground pavement. Good effort by all who picked up a brush and helped out.



**Waitrose
Community Matters
Willerby!**

At the checkout you'll receive a token, which you then place in the box of the good cause you'd most like to support ...

**SWANLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL
now has a box!**

The more tokens we get, the bigger the donation we receive



Goals for 2018

Does anybody have some ideas for 2018 that you think we could raise money for?

We are currently funding many items; class books, school trips, in house theatre productions, seesaw, and tablets but its nice to hear other thoughts.

Please get in touch

monicajwilliams@hotmail.com .

Miscellaneous Dates

1 April Easter Sunday
2 April Easter Monday
23 April St George's Day

ARE YOU A BUSINESS OWNER?

If so, this could be for you!

Can you or do you know of anyone who could support our children's learning and growth.

Some donate their merchandise or valuable services; others donate their expertise in a particular area.

We would be very grateful for any offers of help with our current school projects.

We are currently looking for:

- ❖ a builder to quote on a couple of construction jobs.
- ❖ Someone to cost/fit internal bi-fold doors (as part of a funding application)
- ❖ a glazier to fix/replace windows
- ❖ window blinds for the small hall - do any parents have connections with regards to purchasing/installing new blinds?

CAN YOU HELP?

Please contact the school office.

Make purchases while raising money for Swanland School



**Co-Op
North Ferriby!**

**PLEASE NOMINATE SWANLAND AS
YOUR CHOSEN CAUSE!**

The funding period has started and lasts until October 2018.

We, along with 2 other local causes, will receive a share of the funds raised from carrier bag sales and also a share of the members fund.

Please choose our school as your chosen cause otherwise the money is equally split between the 3 charities.

Please make sure you have a Co-Op membership card, use it every time you shop there and the school receive 1% of your spend.

*As per one committee member said –
"it feels like guilt free shopping!!"*

Micro Scooters

www.micro-scooters.co.uk

Scooter Aid

Is a scheme run by Micro Scooters they donate revamped, old, or unwanted scooters to groups that could benefit from them.

We were very lucky to receive 5 new scooters for the reception playground at the beginning of term. We would like to thank the staff from Micro Scooter for choosing our school and making our children extremely happy.

Looking to buy a Scooter? Tel: 0333 320 1030

If you buy a Micro Scooter, **they will give Swanland School 10%** from any purchases. Our unique code is 137151 please insert this on checkout.



The Giving Machine



www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

This a great way for us to fundraise. It's so easy and it costs you nothing! All you have to do is register at the givingmachine.co.uk website under 'Swanland Primary School', then just shop online as normal.

With over 790 shops to choose from, including your weekly groceries, holidays and everything in between, it's a fantastic opportunity to do something great for our children.

Link to your favourite stores via the Giving Machine website – Sainsburys, Tesco, Ebay, Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Waitrose, Argos, Next, Boots, Debenhams, Asos, Holland & Barratt, Virgin Holidays, Thomas Cook, Butlins, Holiday Extras, Premier Inn, Apple Store, Nintendo, Sports Direct, Jessops, Joules, London Zoo, Ugg Australia, Hobbycraft, Co-op Insurance, Dell, Radisson Hotels, Madame Tussauds, EasyJet, GAP, Toys R Us, ELC, Mothercare, iTunes, Staples, Disney Land Resort.....and hundreds more!!!!



Stamptastic

The replacement for traditional name tags and raise money for the PTA with every order.

No more sewing or ironing on labels, no more losing your pencil case or P.E. kit! Stamptastic offer a personalised stamp-based naming solution that can be used on fabric, metal, wood & some plastics. A parent found Stamptastic online and passed the information to the PTA as any order placed will result in a percentage being paid back to the PTA funds.

Please have a look on their website at <http://www.stamptastic.co.uk/> and if you would like to make an order quote "HU14 3NE" in the "Gift card, PTA code, or discount code" box in the payment section when completing your order.

COSTUME CLOSET!

NEED A GREAT COSTUME?

Visit the Costume Closet!

The Costume Closet is the ideal place to find your child's perfect outfit for the next school play or themed day at Swanland Primary School. Choosing the right costume is easy and fun at the Costume Closet!

Costume rentals are by the week. Costumes can be reserved up to a month prior to picking them up.

The Costume Closet accepts cash or cheques.

Opening Hours: TBA

Rental prices: TBA

All costumes to be returned on time, undamaged and clean.

For more information, please speak to your Class Rep.



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The idea of the Costume Closet was a parent suggestion, being brought to life by Swanland School PTA.

*Please donate
good quality
costumes to get
us started.*

10th - 13th April.

*We will be open for
donations each morning at
drop off - find us in the
KS1 and KS2 playgrounds.*

*Thereafter, please take any
donations to the school
office or you can send them
in with your child.*

*Note: It would be helpful if
you could mark the item with
the year and which play or
theme it was used for.*

NEW VENTURE



PTA COMMITTEE



CHAIR:
CHRIS HUSCROFT

VICE CHAIR:
HANNAH STEPHENSON



SECRETARY:
MONICA FARR
monicajwilliams@hotmail.com

TREASURER:
KEELEY KNAGGS



CLASS REPS

Reps provide a great communication channel between the PTA committee, the school and parents on the playground.

Rather than feeling that the PTA is distant and cliquey, we hope that parents will feel closer to the committee with a face-to-face approach.

JOB DESCRIPTION OF A CLASS REP

- Pass on information from the PTA to other parents in their child's class and encourage parents to support the PTA
- At least one rep per class to attend the AGM and PTA committee meetings
- Coordinate volunteers to help with fundraising activities
- Seek feedback from parents on PTA events or funding requests and pass it on to the committee
- Recruit a new class rep if/when they choose to step down (encourage reps to sign up in pairs - tasks seem less daunting with a friend by your side!)

VACANCIES:

We have 2 classes without a PTA Class Rep

5SM 5ND/RC

if you are interested in being the 'go to person' for your class, then please contact monicajwilliams@hotmail.com asap.

PTA CLASS REPS:

RCM

Claire Walmsley
Helene Hart

RHM

Vicky Innes
Sarah Baum

1RP

Laura Farmer
Laura Miskin
Stuart Farmer
Suzanne Welburn

1JS/EJ

Vicky Innes
Claire Beckett
Linsey Wainman
Helen Smith

2JP

Linzy Settle
Lynda Ferguson
2EE
Tracy Lee

3SP

Linzy Settle
3GW
Dan Crook
Helene Hart
Neil Redman

4MR

Matt Bradbury
Jessica Devine
Caroline Graves
4KC
Lynda Ferguson

5SM

5ND/RC

6AN

Fiona Brown
Jessica Devine
Caroline Graves

6KG

Lucy North

STAFF

Sally Patrick



Swanland School PTA

We have created a group on Facebook, **currently we have 134 members!**

It is a **'closed' group**, which means that anyone can find the group and see who's in it but only members can see the posts.

You have to request to join it and PTA admin has to 'accept' your request. This way we can ensure that **only people linked to our school can become members.**

This Facebook group is to help build community among Swanland School PTA and parents. By joining this online group, it will give you an immediate connection to the PTA, allowing you to pass on ideas to support our school, offer your time or services to the PTA, share ideas, view upcoming events etc.

Please find us on Facebook and press 'Join Group'.

Guidelines:

Only the school can post photos containing children for Child Protection reasons. Children in photos should never be 'tagged' (identified).

The group is not to be used for personal concerns, grievances or complaints. These are better resolved by addressing them with school staff.

Users are expected to communicate in a respectful, courteous and professional manner.

Any inappropriate posts will be deleted. The PTA reserve the right to remove users who misuse the group.

Any views and comments expressed by users on this site are those of the users, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the PTA or Swanland Primary School

JOIN THE PTA

We encourage as many parents as possible to get in touch and get involved. You may wish to join the PTA committee or, if you feel you don't have time for that, you can become one of our volunteers.

Without wonderful parent volunteers like you, our events wouldn't be possible

We need at least one or two YEAR 5 parents to join us.

DONATIONS

Donations are voluntary.

We give the option for you to donate to the PTA. We suggest one annual donation of £25 per family. Others may choose to give a small amount monthly. Ask for a Standing Order form if you are interested and please include Gift Aid if you are a tax payer.

~ THANK YOU ~

Thank you to the families that have already kindly donated.

For any information or interest in the PTA, please contact our PTA secretary

monicajwilliams@hotmail.com



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Follow us on Twitter.