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# PTA Newsletter



Swanland School  
PTA  
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

## October 2017

## Welcome!

### Welcome to the PTA's first Newsletter!

Swanland School PTA is an organisation of parents and staff with the role to encourage closer links between home and school. We are probably known for our fundraising work which provides an opportunity for parents, staff and children to get together.

We are dedicated to raising money for our school so that our children can have the best educational opportunities possible, even when the school budget isn't available to pay for it.

We work closely together with the teachers to identify the children's needs including: new library books, the very popular 'Seesaw' program, playground and sports equipment, a multi-cultural kitchen, the fantastic Mighty Zulu Performance, IT equipment including tablets, the Praise and Reward scheme, part-funding school trips like the Year 4 trip to London, transportation costs to this year's City of Culture events and much, much more! More recently we have raised thousands of pounds for our new astro turf field, which is a fantastic success as well as outdoor play/equipment in the Key Stage 1 playground.

We hope you enjoy our newsletter keeping you up to date on all PTA activities.

### Upcoming PTA Dates

- 6 Oct - Uniform donations in please
- 6 Oct - Christmas Card Orders due in
- 10 Oct - Bags to School
- 11 Oct - PTA Annual General Meeting
- 13 Oct - Race Night form & payment due in
- 20 Oct - PTA Social - Race Night (over 18's)
- 23 Oct - Halloween Pumpkin Contest

### Committee Members

The PTA committee is elected to run the PTA – usually consisting of a chair, a vice-chair, a treasurer, a secretary and ordinary committee members. These ordinary members include at least one, and often two, parents from each class. Their job is to pass on information from the PTA to other parents in their child's class. We usually meet twice a term and set up smaller working groups to organise individual events.

- CHAIR** - Mr Huscroft (staff)
- VICE-CHAIR** - Miss Stephenson (staff)
- SECRETARY** - Monica Farr (yr 3 & yr 1)
- TREASURER** - Keeley Knaggs (yr3 & reception)
- MEMBERS** - Sally Patrick (staff)
- Jessica Devine (yr 6 & yr 4)
- Caroline Graves (yr 6 & yr 4)
- Claire Walmsley (yr 6 & reception)
- Fiona Brown (yr 6)
- Lynda Ferguson (yr 4 & yr 2)
- Matt Bradbury (yr 4)
- Linzy Settle (yr 3 & yr 2)
- Helene Hart (yr 3 & reception)
- Neil Redman (yr 3)
- Dan Crook (yr 3)
- Tracy Lee (yr 2)
- Vicky Innes (yr 1 & reception)
- Linsey Wainman (yr 1)
- Stuart Farmer (yr 1)
- Helen Smith (yr 1)
- Laura Miskin (yr 1)
- Suzanne Welburn (yr 1)
- Sarah Braum (reception)

## Fundraising UPDATE

### *Before the summer break:*

- Spring Walk
- Sponsorships - £4953.43
- Drinks - £63
- Ladies Night - over £500
- Sports day drinks/sweets - £211
- BBQ - over £4700

### *Since returning to school:*

- Hull Marathon Relay
- over £1000!!

Miss Stephenson, Mrs Patrick, Mrs Ellis and Mrs Fountain ... **well done ladies!**

**Thank you** to Wilson Street Cafe, Humberdale Farm, everyone who participated, supported, sponsored and to our volunteers as without your help these events could not happen.

**Thank you** to Claire Walmsley for the Micro Scooter donation for the Reception playground.

## Nearly New Uniform Donations Please

Friday 6 October

As parents, we all know that no sooner have we bought new uniform than they've already outgrown it – and it still looks as good as new! That's why we have a nearly new uniform stall during every Parent's Evening – the next one being on 9<sup>th</sup> November. It's amazing how much we raise from this even though we just ask for a donation, rather than having fixed prices. Don't forget to pop in to the school hall before or after you see your teacher.

Donations please to the school office by **Friday 6 October**.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

*In November, we will need volunteers to help with this stand. The more helpers the less time needed from you.*

## Christmas Card Orders

Friday 6 October

As in previous years, the PTA has organised for your child's artwork to be printed onto Christmas cards and/or gift labels. This year we are using a different company which enables children's artwork to be more creative than in previous years. We hope that you love the artwork your child has created!

An order form was sent with your child for Cauliflower Cards together with your child's artwork. In some classes, the artwork may not have been sent home to avoid it getting damaged and you may have been sent a picture of the artwork on SeeSaw instead.

If you would like your child's artwork to be made into a Christmas card or gift label, please send the order form back to school, together with the artwork, by **Friday 6 October**. Please make cheques payable to 'Swanland Primary School'. Thankyou.

LATE ARTWORK WILL INCURE AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF UP TO £9.00

Members of the PTA will then complete and organise all the orders and send them off to be printed.

*Be sure to complete the order form.*

All cards will be shipped to school no later than the first week in December.

## Bags 2 School

Tuesday 10 October

[www.bags2school.com](http://www.bags2school.com)

Bags 2 School is a free, fun and easy way to raise funds. In fact, last year we raised £250! 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!

To make it easier to drop off, we will accept bags the day before (Monday 9 October) up until 6pm. Alternatively, you may bring your donations before 9am on Tuesday 10 October. Thanks.

## PTA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 11 October 7pm

**All members of the association - parents, carers and staff are invited to attend.**

This is the time to discuss the running of the association, a report will be made by the treasurer on the funds raised and how these have been spent. The chair will highlight successes, thank those who have been involved and indicate what is planned for the next year.

It is also the time to elect or re-elect members of the committee.

## PTA Social - Race Night

Friday 20 October

*Note: Race Night is for over 18's only.*

Swanland School's PTA would like to invite you to a fund raising 'Race Night', which we intend to hold in the school's Great Hall on the evening of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. This exciting event is being held to raise money for the school, which will directly benefit your child(ren)'s education.

It will be a fun evening of eating, drinking and light hearted gambling for you all to enjoy! **Tickets cost just £10** and this price includes admission to the race evening and fish and chip supper. A licensed bar will be available on the evening where soft and alcoholic drinks can be purchased. Doors will open to the school at 7.00 pm and races will start at 7.30 pm.



## How will the evening work?

### Betting on a Race

There will be eight races during the course of the evening and you will have the opportunity to bet on horses in each race. The cost for bets will be £1 and winning bets will receive a share of the prize for each race.

For those of you who would like to further support the evening there is also an opportunity to either 'sponsor a race' or 'buy a horse'.

### Sponsoring

You can proudly sponsor a race for just £25! For this sponsorship your company / business / group will receive an A5 black and white advertisement on the race card and have your name announced during the event. Sponsorship opportunities will be given on a first-come-first-served basis with a maximum of 8 races to sponsor.

### Buying

You can become a horse owner for the evening for just £5! For this amount you have the opportunity to name your horse and get your (or your child's) name on the race card. Owners of winning horses will receive a fantastic chocolate hamper on the evening! Once again, the number of horses are limited so if you would like to take this opportunity sponsor early!

If you would like to attend this event please complete the form (sent out previously and available on the school website

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detailing how many tickets you would like. If you would like to sponsor a race or buy a horse, please also complete your requirements in the space provided. You can pay by cash or cheque made payable to Swanland School PTA. Please return the form to school by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. Thanks

Race sponsorships and horses to buy are limited and will be issued on a first – come – first – served – basis. If we receive more requests than there are horses, we will allocate one per family.

The PTA and the School would like to thank you in advance for all your continued support and hope you are free to attend what will, no doubt, be a really fun evening.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

*We need volunteers to set up the hall and work the Bar. The more helpers the less time needed from you.*

## Halloween Pumpkin Contest

Monday 23 October

Bring your carved or decorated pumpkins to school by 8.45am on Monday 23 October.



There will be a table set up outside the front of the school for your entries.

They will be judged on two categories:

• **Most Original** • **Most Humorous**  
Pumpkins can be carved or decorated.

Prizes will be awarded to each category for KS1 pupils and then for KS2 pupils. Plus a prize to the class with the most pumpkin entries!

Remember to mark the Pumpkin with your name and class! They will be on display all day and need to be picked up at 3.30pm.

We are looking forward to your creative entries for our Halloween Pumpkin Contest.

### Fruit & Pedge!

Buy your pumpkins from **Fruit & Pedge** and they will donate a percentage of the total sales to the School!

Call 07913 102 186

Don't forget to say you are from Swanland School when you order!

Order online:

[fruitandpedge.com/pumpkins](http://fruitandpedge.com/pumpkins)

High quality and fresh fruit and veg boxes delivered right to your door!

## Goals for 2017-2018

Our main goal for 2017-2018 is to raise money for our technology department. From educational tablets to new production lights in the main school hall.

The current lighting system is no longer fit for purpose and needs a complete overhaul. As parents, we all love to see our children perform in school plays and on stage. Our funds target for the lights is £6000.

We thank you for all the support you have given over the years and we thank you in advance for supporting the next year's fundraising activities. Anything you can do to help really is greatly appreciated.

## 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 are currently looking for a connection aimed at a discount on tablets (android base). Can you help?

## Miscellaneous Dates

- 2 Oct - Grandparents Day
- 5 Oct - National Teachers Day
- 6-14 Oct - Hull Fair
- 19 Oct - Diwali
- 22 Oct - Mother in Law Day
- 29 Oct - British Summertime Ends
- 31 Oct - Halloween

## Make purchases while raising money for Swanland School

### The Giving Machine

[www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://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 "PTA school/club cashback code" box when completing your order.



## Swanland School PTA

We have created a group on Facebook.

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 on a monthly basis. 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](mailto:monicajwilliams@hotmail.com)**