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PTA Newsletter



Swanland School
PTA
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

November 2017

Hello & welcome!

We had a very busy October as you will see in our update. We were so happy to see so many uniform donation's, orders for Christmas Cards and bag2school donations.

Our first Race Night was a great success and it made our day to see the amount of creative entries in the pumpkin contest.

We are busy now making sure the Christmas Fayre turns out even better than the last one. See you there!

Committee Members

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)
 Caroline Graves (yr 6 & yr 4)
 Claire Walmsley (yr 6 & reception)
 Dan Crook (yr 3)
 Fiona Brown (yr 6)
 Helen Smith (yr 1)
 Helene Hart (yr 3 & reception)
 Jessica Devine (yr 6 & yr 4)
 Kay Hazard (yr 4)
 Laura Farmer (yr 1)
 Laura Miskin (yr 1)
 Linsey Wainman (yr 1)
 Linzy Settle (yr 3 & yr 2)
 Lynda Ferguson (yr 4 & yr 2)
 Matt Bradbury (yr 4)
 Neil Redman (yr 3)
 Sarah Braum (reception)
 Stuart Farmer (yr 1)
 Suzanne Welburn (yr 1)
 Tracy Lee (yr 2)
 Vicky Innes (yr 1 & reception)

Upcoming PTA Dates

7th Nov - PTA Meeting 7pm
9th Nov - Nearly New Uniform Sale
 2.30pm-4.30pm
 5.15pm-7.30pm
25th Nov - Christmas Fayre 10am-2pm

Fundraising UPDATE!

Bags2School	£178.00
Race Night	£1656.07
Halloween Pumpkins:	
Fruit & Pedge	£10.00
Guess the Weight	£8.00

Nearly New Donations:

We received lots of good quality donations, thank you very much. We spent 2 afternoons sorting through and putting into piles ready for the sale in November.

Christmas Card Orders:

Helene spent an afternoon collating all the children's imaginative and colourful Christmas cards.

Everything looked in order and they have been submitted for printing. We are looking forward to seeing the finished products come back.

Bags2School:

The bags to school collection went on time. Thank you to everyone who had a clear out and brought a bag (or two). Big thank you to the office and Mr Collinson for their help with the bags.

PTA Social - Race Night

This was our first Race Night and what a success it was. Dan produced an amazing programme, the food was spot on, the PTA manned the bar all evening and there was a great atmosphere in the room.

We wish to thank the 8 sponsors:

Mortgage Advice Bureau
Autologic BMW Specialists
Forrester Boyd Robson Accountants
Suzanne Welburn Clinical Hypnotherapist
Innovative Graphics
Red Sails Carvery
Fruit & Pedge

Thank you to the horse 'owners' - 64 horses were purchased with some fantastic imaginative names and of course the winning horse "owners" all received a sweet hamper.

The race night winners were:

Race 1	Jack Beckett	Jack Pott
Race 2	Toby Shrivastava	Storm
Race 3	Chris Wilson	Neddley Ned
Race 4	Chris Huscroft	Freddie's Flyer
Race 5	Joshua Lee	Tom
Race 6	Joshua Appleton	Storm Trooper
Race 7	Emily Homes	Zap
Race 8	Aaron & Joshua Loker	Jeffrey
Race 9	Will always remain a mystery... come to the next PTA Social to find out more!	

Take a look at Stuart's pictures on the PTA Facebook page.

Halloween Pumpkin Contest

We had 116 amazing creative entries in our Halloween Pumpkin Contest making judging for Claire very difficult.

They looked amazing out of the front lawn of the school.

WINNERS:

The overall class winner for MOST entries goes to **1JSEJ**. Well done!

Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin goes to **Seth from Mrs Russell's class** with the closest guess at 9.52kg (actual weight 10.2kg). Well done!

Individual Winners:



See more pictures on the PTA Facebook group.

PTA AGM

The AGM was successful and covered Reports from The Head, The Treasurer, The Secretary. As well as Election of Officers, Goals/Ideas, Past and Future Fundraisers, AOB and dates for future meetings.

Thank you...

Bag2School

The Racing Host

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/NewlandVFC/posts/998830113472884>

House of Townend at Cellar Door

Fruit & Pedge

Dan Crook

...and everyone who participated, supported, sponsored - and to our volunteers, as without your help these events could not happen!

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.

Exciting News:

- *The lighting system is due to be replaced this autumn/winter term in the hopes to be up for the Christmas Nativity and Christmas Shows!*
- *PTA are to fund SeeSaw this year!*

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 (Samsung android base). We are looking to purchase 60 tablets.

a Painter to repaint games on the concrete playground in KS1.

a Builder to quote on a couple of construction jobs.

CAN YOU HELP?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to help with:

9th November

Nearly New Uniform Sale

If you can help for any length of time between 2pm-4.30pm and 5.15-8pm, then please contact:
mail@suzanneburn.co.uk

25th November

Christmas Fayre

If you think you could do 30mins on a stall, then please contact:
monicajwilliams@hotmail.com

The more helpers the less time needed from you.

PTA Meeting

Tuesday 7th November at 7pm

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

This is the time to discuss current and upcoming events, mainly the Christmas Fayre.

Nearly New Uniform Sale

Thursday 9th November

2.30pm-4.30pm & 5.15pm-7.30pm

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 will have a nearly new uniform stall at the Parents/Carers open day.

It's amazing how much we raise from this even though we just ask for a donation of £1 (barring coats).

Don't forget to pop in to the school hall before or after you see your teacher.



Swanland School PTA
CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 25th November
at Swanland School from 10am til 2pm

**Swanland School PTA
invite you to our
CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**Saturday 25th November
10am - 2pm**

Everyone welcome!!

The Christmas Fayre is one of our biggest fundraisers and is hugely popular. Last year we raised nearly £1,500!

As well as our own PTA stalls, year 4 will have their stalls and we invite local businesses and artisans to show off their Christmas goods. This year we have a wonderful mix of stalls for you.

Father Christmas always makes an appearance and children can have their photograph taken with him!

You will be entertained by our school choir who will be singing Christmas Carols at 10.30 and you can listen to music by our woodwind section at 11.30.

PTA stalls:

- Chocolate Tombola
- Fill-a-Jar
- Sand art
- Glitter Tattoos

- **Face Painting** (*Heather Redman will be selling a small selection of bows at this stall*)

- **Cake Stall** selling delicious cakes

- **Café selling** bacon sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, soup, tea, coffee and hot chocolate.

- **Santa's grotto** (bring your own camera)

- **Raffle**, prizes including:



Annikas Apron
voucher for a
Hamper (to the
value of £150.00)

web: www.annikasapron.co.uk

**Santa's Grotto
Guest Stalls
Raffle
Carol Singing
Hot sandwiches
Cakes & much,
much more**

*Come along and find
some unique Christmas
presents!*

Stalls Include:

- **Body Shop**

- **Button Barmy** - all sorts of fab stuff made from buttons

- **Casa Artesania** - Shabby Chic Home Items

- **Dolly Dots Hair Bows & Little Mama's Gift Shop**

- **Flamingo Paperie** - (*used to be Phoenix Trading Christmas cards etc.*)

- **Fruit & Pedge**

- **Hessle Bookshop**

- **Katie's Sweet Temptations** - Sweet treats

- **Kelly Cheesman** - Forever Living (*school parent*)

- **Lucy Savage** - Christmas Items/Memory Locketts

- **Mandinka** - African wood carvings, jewellery, paintings

- **Mel Godden** - Doll sets, bunting, blankets

- **Poppy's Beads** - Jewellery

- **Pretty Little Dragonfly** - Bespoke handprint/fingerprint jewellery

- **Shelleycat designs** - Knitted and handmade toys

Make Christmas purchases whilst raising money for Swanland School

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!!!!

Micro Scooters

www.micro-scooters.co.uk Tel: 0333 320 1030

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?

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

Waitrose Matters is coming!

Thanks to Claire Walmsley, an application is being processed for Waitrose Matters.

By placing a token in the Community Matters box at your local branch you will be helping our school. At the end of your shop in branch, you'll receive a token to place in a box of the good cause you'd most like to support. The more tokens a cause gets, the bigger the donation they receive. Each month every Waitrose branch donates £1,000 (£500 in Convenience shops) between 3 local good causes that you choose.

When the time comes please choose the Swanland School drop box!



Miscellaneous Dates

5 Nov - Guy Fawkes Day
12 Nov - Remembrance Sunday
30 Nov - St Andrews Day

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



Swanland School PTA

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