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Christmas
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PTA Newsletter



Swanland School
PTA
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

December 2017

Hello!

We had a very productive November as you will see in our update. The nearly new Uniform sale was a success and the Christmas Fayre, as well as being a great fundraiser, was enjoyed by all.

We have a quiet December, ready to begin again in January 2018! We wish to take this opportunity to thank our committee members and everyone who has volunteered or supported our events this year.

Have a great Christmas and Happy New Year!

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 and yr 1& 5)
 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

12th Dec - Carol Singing at 3.15pm
16th Jan - PTA Meeting 7pm
2nd Feb - PTA Parent Social
 (to be confirmed)

Fundraising UPDATE!

Uniform Sale	£129.50
Christmas Card Orders	£704.08
Christmas Fayre	£1893.52

PTA Meeting:

The PTA meeting in November was very productive. Covered a variety of topics, mainly the Christmas Fayre. Next meeting is in January.

Nearly New Uniform Sale:

The nearly new Uniform Sale was a success making **£129.50**. More money was taken in this one sale than all the sales from 2016.

It was held on the same day as the Parents' Open Day. We were set up in the main hall alongside the Book Fayre and Lost Property.

Big thank you to Suzanne Welburn and the volunteers who ran the stall and to those of you who made purchases.

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre was a triumph and busier than ever. We raised a huge **£1893.52** - nearly £400 more than last year! **Big thank you to Tina from Barclays** who helped out at the fayre. A result of which is that Barclays are match funding **£1,000!!**

As well as our own PTA stalls, year 4 had their stalls and we invited local businesses and artisans to show off their Christmas goods. Father Christmas made an appearance and we were entertained by the school choir and the school woodwind section. The café and cake stall offered a tempting mix of food and drink. A good time was had by all.

Thank you...

to the stall holders:

Body Shop
Button Barmy
Casa Artesania
Dolly Dots Hair Bows & Little
Mama's Gift Shop
Flamingo Paperie
Fruit & Pedge
Hessle Bookshop
Katie's Sweet Temptations
Kelly Cheesman
Lucy Savage
Mandinka
Mel Godden
Poppy's Beads
Pretty Little Dragonfly
Shelleycat designs

to the Raffle prize donations.

inc. **Annikas Apron** hamper voucher won by Suzanne Tanner (yr 2 & 3).

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

See pictures on the PTA Facebook page.

Carol Singing

Tuesday 12th December at 3.15pm

On Tuesday 12th December, the choir will be singing carols on the key stage two playground between 3:15-3:45pm (weather permitting).

We would love if you could come along and enjoy the singing and maybe even join in.

The PTA will be selling hot drinks such as tea, coffee and hot chocolate to keep you warm while you listen.

There will also be the chance to donate if you would like. The money raised will go towards the purchase of class sets of books.

We hope you can join us!

PTA Meeting

Tuesday 16th January 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 including a review of the Christmas Fayre.

PTA Parent Social

possibly 2nd February

Just a date for your diaries at the moment.

Discussions/plans are underway for our next big fundraiser, however in the meantime, we are reaching out for **Raffle Prizes**.

We would be hugley grateful for any suitable donations.

Please contact our PTA secretary monicajwilliams@hotmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to help with:

Collecting Raffle Prizes for the PTA Parent Social in February!

Sign Up Genius is our sign up aid. Group organising made easy.

The more helpers the less time needed from you.

NEWS

Christmas Card Orders:

We made **£704.08** on the Cauliflower Cards - Great News!

The Christmas Cards came back early and were sent home in the children's book bags. We were pleased with the finished product, hope you were too.

Thank you Helene and Lesley for doing all the orders.

Glove Boxes

Thanks to Claire Walmsley, Swanland "Glove Boxes" are now in place for each playground. We have limited supply so if your child accidentally brings a pair home please return them to the office.

The children are already loving the gloves and all have nice warm hands.

We have a few volunteers making mittens for the reception classes, so in the next few weeks they will have warm hands too. If you are a knitter and can contribute or would like to contribute to the "glove fund" please do get in touch.



Take a look at the pictures on the PTA Facebook page.

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 has been replaced and is ready for use for the Christmas Nativity and Christmas Shows!*

➤ *PTA are funding SeeSaw this year!*

Miscellaneous Dates

24 Dec - Christmas Eve
25 Dec - Christmas Day
26 Dec - Boxing Day
31 Dec - New Year's Eve



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'.

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 Painter** to repaint games on the concrete playground in KS1.
- ❖ **a Builder** to quote on a couple of construction jobs.

CAN YOU HELP?

Thank you...

to Hayley Rogerson for making contact regarding the discount on tablets (Samsung android base).

We hope to purchase some on the New Year.

Make purchases whilst raising money for Swanland School



Co-Op North Ferriby!

Thanks to Keeley Knaggs, an application to the Co-Op North Ferriby has been successful, we have made the next round of funding.

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

Ctrl + Click on <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund> search (top right) for Swanland Primary, then click on [Sign in](#) or [join us](#) to support this cause.

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

The Giving Machine

www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

This is 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!

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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