



# PTA Newsletter



Swanland School  
PTA  
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

## February 2018

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## Hello!

We wish to say goodbye and thank you to one of our PTA Members, **Kay Hazard**, who stepped down in January after 4 years. We will miss you.

If anyone wishes to replace Kay and join us, please contact our PTA Secretary [monicajwilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:monicajwilliams@hotmail.com)

We have plenty of events lined up for 2018 and look forward to seeing 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 and yr1 & 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)  
 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 Baum (reception)  
 Stuart Farmer (yr 1)  
 Suzanne Welburn (yr 1)  
 Tracy Lee (yr 2)  
 Vicky Innes (yr 1 & reception)

## Upcoming PTA Dates

### February

2<sup>nd</sup> - PTA Social – Mr Chu's 7.30pm  
 5<sup>th</sup> - Order forms due in for Mother's Day Mug/Coaster

### March

13<sup>th</sup> - PTA Meeting  
 16<sup>th</sup> - Quiz Night (adults only)  
 22<sup>nd</sup> - Easter Egg Hunt

### April

16<sup>th</sup> - Nearly Uniform (tbc)  
 17<sup>th</sup> - Bag2School due in

### May

11<sup>th</sup> - Family Bingo Night 7pm  
 15<sup>th</sup> - PTA Meeting

### June

12<sup>th</sup> - PTA Meeting  
 14<sup>th</sup> - Swanland Has Talent 6.30pm

### July

6<sup>th</sup> - Summer Fundraiser

## Fundraising UPDATE!

No funds raised in  
January

£0

## January PTA Meeting:

Despite the cold snowy weather, we had a good turnout of 17 members to the PTA meeting in January.

It was a full agenda, including past events and future fundraisers with the focus on the upcoming Social at Mr Chu's in February.

During the meeting the PTA agreed to fund the following:

- Book Vouchers for the Reading Ladder Scheme
- a Painting Rack for KS1
- a contribution towards KS2 Maths Workshop
- and a Multi-Cultural week in June!

## PTA Social – Mr Chu's Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 7.30pm

Tickets cost **£25 per person** which includes a three course banquet and disco. Available at the School Office.

### Raffle tickets cost £5 per book

Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets for your chance to win. We have some amazing **Raffle Prizes** from the following businesses:

BEAUTY & Co DREWTONS  
 F G ADAMSON & SON  
 HALTEMPRICE LEISURE CENTRE  
 HESSLE GOLF CLUB  
 LOOKING4PARKING.COM  
 MARK HILL HAIRDRESSING  
 MEGA FUN  
 POTTING SHED  
 RED SAILS PUB  
 SWAN & CYGNET  
 TWS WELLNES  
 WILLIAM'S DEN



## Mother's Day Gifts

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

After the success of our personalised Christmas cards, the PTA has organised for your child's artwork to be printed onto mugs and/or coasters for Mother's Day. These make the perfect gift for mums, grandmas, aunts or carers.

Order forms have been sent out (please note there are separate order forms for mugs and coasters). Your child may design their unique gift on the top half of the form – the more creative the better!

How about a portrait of the person for whom you child is making the gift? Or a drawing of the full family with a special message?

More forms are available from the school office, should you wish to make different designs for different people.

Please ensure payment (cash or cheque) is sent to school together with your order form(s) by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at the latest.

Please make cheques payable to 'Swanland Primary School'.

Thank you for your continuing support, now and into the future.

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## 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](mailto:monicajwilliams@hotmail.com)

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Is there anyone that would like to volunteer on the night of Mr Chu's to sell raffle tickets?

It would be great to have a couple of volunteers to work together (one to take the money and one to write and distribute the raffle tickets).

Please contact our PTA Secretary if you can help [monicajwilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:monicajwilliams@hotmail.com)

*The more helpers, the less time needed from you.*

## 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 painter to repaint games on the concrete playground in KS1.
- ❖ 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 specialist to repair/replace the small hall blinds

### CAN YOU HELP?

Please contact the school office.

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## Match Funding

We want to take this opportunity to inform you about the Match Funding scheme and how a little bit of your time could raise double the funds for the PTA.

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events.

If you can help us this way, please let our PTA Secretary [monicajwilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:monicajwilliams@hotmail.com) know and we can discuss your company's requirements.

Thank you for your support.

## NEWS

### PTA Newsletters:

The PTA Newsletters have been added to the Facebook Group – you can access these in the 'Files' tab.



### Waitrose Matters Update!

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

*Claire sent in the following message:*

*"We are still in the mix of charities, but it will be another few months as they have so many".*

Watch this space and when the time comes please choose the Swanland School drop box.



Find us on  
**Facebook**

## Swanland School PTA

We have a '**closed**' group on Facebook which means that anyone can find the group and see who's in it but only members can see the posts.

You must 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'.**

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## Miscellaneous Dates

13 Feb - Shrove Tuesday  
 14 Feb - Ash Wednesday  
 14 Feb - Valentine's Day  
 16 Feb - Chinese New Year

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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!!!!



**Stampastic**

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! Stampastic offer a personalised stamp based naming solution that can be used on fabric, metal, wood & some plastics. A parent found Stampastic 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.stampastic.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.

## 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**

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