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# PTA Newsletter



Swanland School  
PTA  
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

## September 2018

## Hello!

We had a fantastic 2017-2018 and have lots in the pipeline for 2018-2019. Please let us know if you have any suggestions/feedback on events last year or if you have any new ideas for this year.

For those of you new to Swanland School and to the PTA, we are 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.

The PTA committee is elected to run the PTA – 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 (known as Class Reps). Please see the back page of this Newsletter.

We usually meet twice a term and set up smaller working groups to organise individual events.

If you wish to be a part of the PTA, then please contact our Secretary [monicajwilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:monicajwilliams@hotmail.com)

## Fundraising UPDATE!

None in August

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### Goals for 2018-2019

Does anybody have some ideas for 2018-2019 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)

### Vacancies:

We have 2 classes without a PTA Class Rep - **RCM and RHM**

If you are interested in being the 'go to person' for your class, then please contact [monicajwilliams@hotmail.com](mailto:monicajwilliams@hotmail.com) asap.

## Upcoming PTA Dates

### September

17<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting

### October

11<sup>th</sup> Fashion show with Boutique Milla

15<sup>th</sup> PTA AGM

tbc Christmas Card Orders

tbc Halloween Pumpkin Contest

### November

14<sup>th</sup> Bag2School collection

19<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fayre

### December

tbc Carol Singing Refreshments

### January

21<sup>st</sup> PTA Meeting

### February

8<sup>th</sup> Race Night (date tbc)

tbc Mother's Day Mugs/Coasters

### March

14<sup>th</sup> Bag2School collection

18<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting

### April

tbc Easter Egg Giveaway

### May

tbc Father's Day Mugs/Coasters

tbc Spring Walk Refreshments

### June

10<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting

12<sup>th</sup> Bag2School collection

tbc Swanland Has Talent

tbc Sports Days Refreshments

### July

tbc Summer Fayre

**THIS MONTH:**

**PTA Meeting**  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**UPCOMING:**

Plans are coming together on the following events for October:

**Fashion Show with Boutique Milla**

Boutique Milla will be showing their beautiful autumn collections at Swanland Primary School on:

Thursday 11 October, 7pm -9.30pm

Enjoy catwalk shows, stalls and great raffle prizes. Tickets will include a chilled glass of prosecco on arrival with VIP ticket holders enjoying a front row seat and luxury gift bag.

A cash bar will be available.

Tickets can be purchased soon at the school office or at Boutique Milla.

**Tickets are £10 VIP ticket £15**

**PTA Annual General Meeting**

**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.

**Christmas Card Orders**

As in previous years, the PTA is organising for your child's artwork to be printed onto Christmas cards and/or gift labels. ➤

Look out for the order form which will be sent with your child for Cauliflower Cards together with your child's artwork.

**Halloween Pumpkin Contest**

The children will have the opportunity to bring carved or decorated pumpkins to school.

Details will follow.

**NEWS****Library Renovation Update**

The Library renovation, funded by the PTA, started over the August holidays and is well underway thanks to Jon Ferguson. We will keep you updated with its progress.

**Costume Closet**

The catalogue is ready and the Costume Closet is open for orders.

Please click on the link to look:



Costume Closet.pdf

**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:**

- ❖ quotes for some pruning of trees.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

Please contact the school office



Currently there are no sign up sheets.

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

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

**Miscellaneous Dates**

23 Sept September Equinox

**Swanland School PTA**

We have created a group on Facebook, **currently we have 148 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*



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# Boutique Milla Fashion Show

**Thursday 11 October**

7pm-9.30pm

At Swanland School

Tickets are £10 / VIP ticket £15

Available from the school office  
or Boutique Milla.

## How YOU can help raise money for Swanland School

### Co-Op North Ferriby!



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 NOMINATE SWANLAND 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.

#### 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.

### 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.



### Amazon Smile

*We have been asked if there is an app for Amazon Smile. We couldn't find an actual app so our work around is when on your Amazon smile page, click the icon at the top (box with an arrow pointing up) and click “add to home screen”. This seems to do the job. Hope this helps....*

#### MAKE YOUR AMAZON PURCHASES WHILE RAISING MONEY FOR SWANLAND SCHOOL PTA!

Register on Amazon Smile; pick Swanland School as your charity and they will donate 0.5% of every purchase to our school! It doesn't seem like much, but it adds up very quickly. Just visit the link below to get started.

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

[SMILE.AMAZON.CO.UK](http://SMILE.AMAZON.CO.UK)

**Support Swanland County Primary School Parent Teachers Association by shopping at [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk).**

When you shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk), Amazon will donate to Swanland County Primary 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!

- You join for free and choose up to four causes to support.
- You generate commissions by shopping online (over 1,500 retailers including Amazon, Play.com, John Lewis, eBay, Sainsbury's and Next).
- The Giving Machine will convert your commissions into donations for your chosen causes. You're raising funds for free!

**Every time you shop online, you generate a donation for Swanland Primary School.**

Link to your favourite stores via the Giving Machine website and with so many 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.

### 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.



### Kids Pass

**Kids Pass** is a family membership that gives you access to over 3,500 offers and discounts at UK venues including theme parks, cinemas, restaurants and many more plus discounts for family holidays.

- Save up to 57% off at thousands of family days out, including Theme Parks, Bowling, Play Centres and many more
- Up to 40% off at cinemas nationwide, including adult and child tickets, 7 days a week
- Enjoy Kids Eat Free at thousands of restaurants nationwide
- Massive savings on UK family breaks

To start saving money for all the family, please use the link below and pay just £1 for 30 days then £34.99 per year.

<https://www.kidspass.co.uk/signup/p-kprs-swanlandprimaryschool-1pdann-60-2547163>

**Our school will receive £5 for each member that converts onto an annual membership.**

## 2018-2019

### PTA COMMITTEE:



**CHAIR:**  
**CHRIS HUSCROFT**

**VICE CHAIR:**  
**HANNAH STEPHENSON**



**SECRETARY:**  
**MONICA FARR**  
monicajwilliams@hotmail.com

**TREASURER:**  
**KEELEY KNAGGS**



### PTA CLASS REPS:

#### RCM

#### RHM

**1RP** Claire Walmsley Helene Hart

**1JS/EJ** Vicky Innes Sarah Baum

**2JP** Vicky Innes Claire Beckett Helen Smith Linsey Wainman

**2EE/ND** Stuart Farmer Laura Miskin Suzanne Welburn Laura Farmer

**3SP** Linzy Settle Lynda Ferguson

**3GW** Tracy Lee

**4KC** Linzy Settle

**4MR** Dan Crook Helene Hart Neil Redman

**5DR** Matt Bradbury Jessica Devine Caroline Graves

**5RC** Lynda Ferguson

**6AN** Emma Gleadow

**6KG** Kirstin Ellis

**STAFF** Sally Patrick

### 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*

### CLASS REPS

We can have more than 1 rep, so if you are interested in being a "go to person" for your class, please contact

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

### 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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