



PTA Newsletter



Swanland School
PTA
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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Hello!

Welcome to our latest newsletter, last month saw our second successful Race Night and good sales from the Nearly New Sale.

We have a busy March ahead with a Bag2School collection, a PTA Meeting, Family Bingo and for the first time, a Mother's Day Shop.

Also, the PTA are funding the Mighty Zulu Nation who are visiting the school this month with an interactive performance and workshop for the children.

PTA Dates for:

MARCH

- 14th Bag2School collection
- 14th (PTA Funded) Mighty Zulu Nation
- 18th PTA Meeting
- 22nd Family Bingo Night
- 25th Mother's Day Shop

Fundraising UPDATE!

Race Night	£1,663.00
Nearly New Sales	£33.00



Race Night

The Race Night was a resounding success raising a fantastic **£1,663.00!**

It was lots of fun with drinking, fish and chips and lively shouting as participants cheered their horses over the finish line!

We wish to thank the volunteers on the night and all our sponsors:

- Dustbusters
- Airco
- HFM Hairdressing for Men
- Mortgage Advice Bureau
- Hider Foods
- Looking4Transfers.com
- Everyday Fitness & Training
- Looking4Parking.com
- Swan & Cygnet

See the pictures on our Facebook group.

Nearly New Uniform Sale



The Nearly New Uniform Sale raised **£33**. Thank you to Suzanne and the volunteers who organized this sale and to those of you who made purchases

ANY DONATIONS OF GOOD QUALITY UNIFORM TO REPLENISH OUR STOCK WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED, ESPECIALLY PE KIT.

THIS MONTH:

BAG2SCHOOL
Thursday 14th March



www.bags2school.com

You should have received your bag by now. We encourage you to clear out your wardrobes and fill your bag up with all your unwanted clothes, handbags, shoes, soft toys, linen etc.

We then receive funds depending on the weight of everything we collect. So simple – and a great way to help declutter!

Easy to drop off:

We will accept bags at the office on the afternoon before (Wednesday 13 March) up until 4.30pm.

Or Thursday 14 March

- bring your bags to the office before 9am.
- use the curb side bag drop alongside the usual child drop-off location (weather permitting).



MIGHTY ZULU NATION

Thursday 14th March

Courtesy of the PTA, the children will experience a fun, interactive performance and workshop.

PTA MEETING

Monday 18th March
7pm



All members of the association - parents, carers and staff are invited to attend. This is the time to discuss current and upcoming events.



FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Friday 22nd March

Eyes down ready, full house for a prize. Everyone wins with a Bingo Night fundraiser! Look out for information with the school newsletter.

MOTHER'S DAY SHOP

Monday 25th March



This year the PTA are running a Mother's Day shop. It gives your children the chance to experience choosing and giving you a gift on Mother's Day that will be a complete surprise to you on the day. A letter along with payment form has been sent out with the school newsletter.

UPCOMING DATES:

April

tbc Easter Egg Giveaway

May

tbc Father's Day (16 June)

17th Quiz Night (adults only)

24th Spring Walk Refreshments

June

10th PTA Meeting

12th Bag2School collection

tbc Swanland Has Talent

tbc Sports Days Refreshments

July

12th Summer Fayre

2019 / 2020

Performance of Dick Whittington!

Miscellaneous Dates

1 Mar - St David's Day

5 Mar - Shrove Tuesday

15 Mar - Red Nose Day

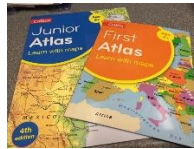
17 Mar - St Patrick's Day

31 Mar - Mother's Day

31 Mar - Clocks go forward

NEWS

30 of each of these books arrived in school thanks to PTA funding.



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:

- ❖ Outdoor playtime games and activities
- ❖ Wooden building blocks
- ❖ Small world characters including Knights and Fairies
- ❖ Scooters

Would Your Company Like to Sponsor Our 'Away' Sports Kit?

If you are a regular reader of the school newsletters, you will know that Swanland Primary School always performs very well in sporting events. So, would your company like to sponsor our 'away' sports kit?

CAN YOU HELP?

Please contact the school office
01482 631300 Thank you!

Future Goals

Does anybody have some ideas 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.

Does anyone have any **Fun Ideas** to use the PTA money for this year?

Such as giving the children some memorable experiences like the AfricanDance/Indian workshops.

Please get in touch

monicajwilliams@hotmail.com



Prizes needed for raffle

We are asking parents to help us gather RAFFLE PRIZES for future fundraising events.

Contributions big and small are needed. Anything you can offer for the raffle will be gratefully received.

Please contact your Class Rep or email monicajwilliams@hotmail.com, the PTA secretary.

Thank you in advance

COSTUME CLOSET



Need a great costume?

The Costume Closet is the ideal place to find your child's perfect outfit for the next school play or themed day at Swanland Primary School. Choosing the right costume is easy and fun at the Costume Closet

Please click on the link to look at what we have on offer.

[https://swanlandeducationtrust.co.uk/uploads/files/Costume_Closet_\(2\).pdf](https://swanlandeducationtrust.co.uk/uploads/files/Costume_Closet_(2).pdf)

We are always looking for good quality donations. Just drop off at the school office. Please note: it is helpful if you can mark the costume with the age and which play or theme it was used for.



Swanland School PTA

We have created a group on Facebook, **currently we have 162 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.**

Please find us on Facebook and press 'Join Group'.

How YOU can help raise money for Swanland School



Micro Scooters

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.



Amazon Smile

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

Support Swanland County Primary School Parent Teachers Association by shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk.

When you shop at smile.amazon.co.uk, Amazon will donate to Swanland County Primary School...

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...



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 know and we can discuss your company's requirements.

Thank you for your support.




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.



The Giving Machine

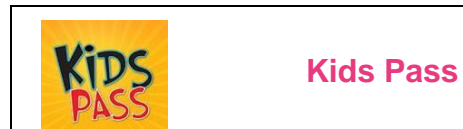
www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

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.



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.



NOT JUST TRAVEL
THE SASSY EXPLORER

As a school we have joined forces with one of our Year 5 mums, Kelly Cheesman, who has a travel business and has kindly offered to be our latest affiliation scheme, much like Amazon and the Co-op local scheme.

As part of the Hays Travel Independence group, Kelly 'The Sassy Explorer' isn't just an ordinary travel agent and has access to over 450 suppliers, including trade only suppliers, the best buying power in the industry for customers, and can provide anything from a simple Thomas Cook package holiday, to a bespoke Australian, American, Far East itinerary for you and your family and friends.

Please do give her a call before you book your next holiday as the school and children will benefit from payments made from these suppliers for each holiday booked.

Kelly.Cheesman@notjusttravel.com
Booking & Enquiries: 07714 979316
www.notjusttravel.com/sassy

2018-2019

PTA COMMITTEE:



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PTA CLASS REPS:

RCM	Stuart & Laura Farmer	Laura Miskin	Suzanne Welburn	Heidi Henrickson	Tracy Lee
RHM	Linsey Wainman				
1RP	Claire Walmsley				
1JS/EJ	Sarah Baum				
2JP	Claire Beckett	Helen Smith	Linsey Wainman		
2EE/ND	Stuart & Laura Farmer	Laura Miskin	Suzanne Welburn	Helen McClane	
3SP	Linzy Settle	Lynda Ferguson			
3GW	Tracy Lee				
4KC	Linzy Settle				
4MR	Dan Crook	Neil Redman			
5DR	Matt Bradbury	Jessica Devine	Caroline Graves		
5RC	Lynda Ferguson	Kelly Cheesman			
6AN	Emma Gleadow				
6KG	Kirstin Ellis				

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

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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