



Warden House Primary School

PTFA Newsletter – January 2019

Welcome back to our Warden House PTFA Newsletter

Happy New Year to all!

Your PTFA has been very busy during the Christmas festivities and we hope you all enjoyed our Christmas Fair. We raised £ 400 which we used to buy Christmas crackers, drinks and gifts for the Christmas school dinner and class parties. We provided a drink and a snack for all pupils during their recent trip to the Marlowe Theatre and we've been making popcorns for Year 5 & 6 during the film day.

We would like to thank all the school staff and teachers and our volunteers who jumped in to help during the Christmas Fair: Lucy, Gemma, Sam & Steph, Heather and Laura, Lucy & Emily.

We wouldn't been able to have this great event without your help.

Finances Update

Overall, we have raised £ 4,000 so far for the current school year which will be used to buy a new lighting system for the School Hall and partly fund a new sensory room. Profits from future events will be used to finish the sensory room and to upgrade the school playground markings.

Key Dates for Your Diary

Meet Your PTFA – 25th January 2019

EGM – 7th February 2019

Valentine Cookies – 14th February 2019

Bingo – 8th March 2019

Your PTFA is changing

We would like to wish Carla Goodburn-Baker all the best in her new business venture. Due to the additional commitments presented by this new role, she has resigned her post as PTFA chair. Caroline Luck has temporary stepped in as a temporary Chair. We'll be holding an EGM (Emergency General Meeting) on Thursday, 7th February where you can nominate and vote new committee members: Chair, vice-Chair and Treasurer.

Please do contact us if interested. No previous experience required!

If you would like to know more about the PTFA, we are hosting a hot drink and chat session on Friday, 25th January. Come to the Bistro to meet the team, find out what we do and enjoy a coffee or hot chocolate, we are open from 2.30pm .

What Does Our PTFA Do?

The PTFA raises money through social and educational events for our children and their families in order to raise vital funds for our school. We aim to develop relationships and facilitate communication between staff, families, governors and others associated with our school.

Every family member and friend of a child at our school automatically becomes a member of the PTFA so everyone is welcome to contribute. The PTFA is a registered charity and is governed by a committee who ensure that all the activities are run as per the legal guidance and expectation of a charity. All members of the PTFA are volunteers who give up their own time to provide fun activities for our children and families.

The good news is, everything your PTA raises goes directly to providing for the school, and, in consultation with staff, parents have a say on where and how the money is spent.

Get involved

You can make a real difference! More parents involved with their PTFA means more money raised through more fun events, benefiting everyone.

There has never been a better or more important time to support your PFTA.

What value does your PTFA already bring to school?

- **Fundraising** – whether it's paying for extras or essentials, every penny directly benefits our children
- **Fun** – our events are enjoyed by children, parents and teachers alike, and are a great way to bring the whole school community closer together
- **Parent voice** – discussing where PTFA money is spent, talking to teaching staff and everything in between contributes to school decision-making.

Join us

There are many ways you can offer your talents and be part of the conversation. If you would like to chat about how you can volunteer for your PTFA and be a force for good in our school – however much or little time you can spare – please get in touch. Be certain that your help will be greatly appreciated and will make a big difference.

Items Funded by our PTFA

PTFA fundraising directly supports your child during their time in school. For example, in recent years the PTFA have purchased:

- Warden House book bag, soft toy and sun hat for reception children
- Outdoor classrooms in Reception area
- Snacks and a drinks during visits to the Marlowe Theatre
- Year 6 Leavers' Gifts
- New books
- All play equipment used in the playground
- Christmas Parties
- Fireworks