



Asterdale Primary
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Newsletter

PTFA News

Your PTFA

We are fortunate at our school to have an active PTFA that is and has been an integral part of the school community for many years. In its' time the PTFA has raised thousands of pounds. This has been spent on equipment and resources to enhance the children's educational experiences and the school's facilities.

Our PTFA is about much more than simply fundraising. The PTFA exists to provide closer links between home and school and is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal.



All parents and members of the school community are welcome. We encourage them to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available.

The PTFA is extremely conscious of the diversity of our school, and we try when organising and planning events to respect this. Not all of our events are run solely as fundraisers. Our children's discos and leavers' BBQ have the aim to give the children a fun time and as a way of thanking the families for their continued support.

Getting Involved

There are lots of ways you can help and support your children through school while also helping the PTFA.

Offers of help leading up to any events are really appreciated by us. It doesn't matter if you are able to help on a regular basis or not, or if you are able to come into school or not, we always want good ideas for fundraising events.

There are often jobs that can be done from home, even if you have very little time! E.g. wrapping gifts at Christmas, preparing raffle tickets etc.

Help is always gratefully received at PTFA events too, "Many hands make light work"! It may be that you can run a stall at the Christmas or Summer Fair, or help at a disco or other events.

Thanks to Parents

The PTFA would like to thank our parents for their support over the last few months. We have all worked really hard over the period leading up to summer. As you know the school summer fair was a huge success, raising an incredible amount of funds again this year.

The Bags2School collection took place on 19th October to raise funds. Thank you very much for all your donations.

We are aiming high this year and trying to raise funds to contribute towards a trim trail for the children of Asterdale School.

Feel free to come along to the next PTFA meeting on **Monday 6th November 4.30pm** where we will be making plans for Christmas events. We hope to have nominated representatives from each class as part of the PTFA committee.

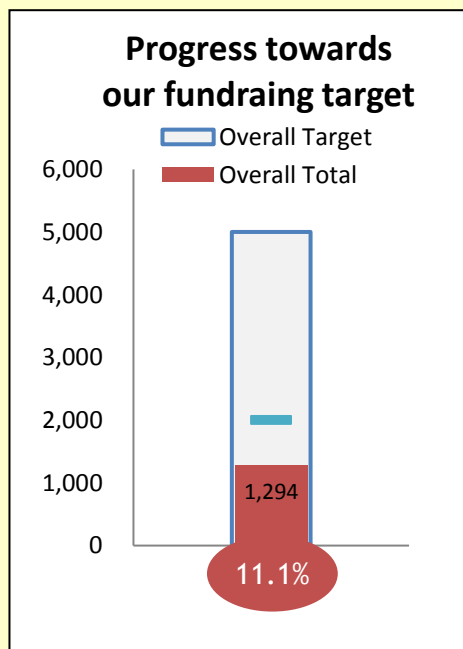
Progress Report



As you all know we are trying to raise money to have a trim trail installed in the school grassed area. We are raising money on through our GoFundMe page <https://www.gofundme.com/3c3z7w8>, so far, we have raised £55.00.

We have also signed up to 'The Giving Machine' website, where families can make purchases at online stores such as Amazon, eBay, John Lewis and others via the Giving Machine website, then Asterdale will receive a percentage of the purchase price donated to them. Please log on if you are able.

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/asterdale-primary-school/>



Recent Highlights

Sun Canopy / The Barn

We are proud to say that we were honoured to donate £1,600.00 towards the sun canopy, which has been named "The Barn" by the children. This provides shade in the hot months and also shelter when the weather is bad.

Upcoming Events

Pumpkin Carving - Tuesday 31st October

Whole school pumpkin decoration / carving competition. All entries to be in the school hall by 9am.

Fancy Dress Day - Tuesday 31st October

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Whole school can wear fancy dress for £1 donation to PTFA funds.

Halloween/Autumn Disco - Wednesday 1st November

EYFS & KS1 from 5pm to 6pm. Upper school 6.15pm to 7.15pm. £1.50 per child, 50p per adult. Tuck shop available.

Charity Fashion Show - Monday 13th November.

We are having a charity fashion show, tickets are £5 each. Doors will open at 6.30pm, wine will be available before and during the event, there will also be nibbles. High street fashion at a fraction of the price.

Christmas Fair - Friday 1st December

Details to follow