



Etwall Primary School PTFA Newsletter

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Autumn Term 2018

Dear Etwall Primary School PTFA member

Welcome to our Autumn Term Newsletter

I would like to begin this new school year by welcoming our new members. As parents or carers of a child at the school you are automatically a member of the school's Parent Teacher and Friends Association. The PTFA raises funds on behalf of the school and our aim is to supplement the school both socially and financially. We do this via various village and school fundraising activities. It was a hectic end to the last term. We had a very successful Summer Disco (lots of inflatable instruments!), Summer Fair (where we welcomed donkey rides for the first time) and a very sunny Music Festival.

Rich Davies and I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to organise and run the events and to those who came along and supported the events. Over the past year the PTFA have provided £7,639.75 for a range of activities including a First Aid Course for KS1, transportation for 6 trips for all pupils and provision of new books to improve the quality of guided reading. We also help out with the fun things, covering the cost of the year 6 leavers T-shirts and the ice cream for sports day.

We will continue the strategy of raising funds with activities and events where the wider community can contribute – Clothing Bank, Music Festival and Fireworks Night. We raised over £6,000.00 from these events last year. A list of our upcoming events is included in this newsletter. If you would like to get involved you can contact us on our email etwallptfa@gmail.com or if you see me, come and say hello.

We have recently started regular recycling days, the last Friday of each term. Should you have any unwanted clothing please bring them along to the school in the bags we provide.

Another great way for us to raise funds is through EasyFundRaising.org.uk there is an item further on in this newsletter. When you shop online at Amazon, Tesco, Sainsburys, etc. you can raise money for the school at no additional cost. If just 20 of the 200 plus families at the school used this site for their online shopping over the next 12 months, it would cover the transport costs for a school trip!

Our next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 September at 6.30 in the Spread Eagle. All are welcome, and do not worry if you miss the start of the meeting. If you would like to get involved or have any questions, feedback and suggestions our email address is etwallptfa@gmail.com Or you can always speak to me in person.

Jo Edge
PTFA Deputy Chair



Round up of Last Summer's Events

Summer Fair. Again this year the Summer Fair was a great success, everyone enjoyed riding the Donkeys! Thanks to the all the new volunteers who organised and ran the various activities. Also a big thanks to all the families who turned up to support the event. Weather was perfect again :o) The Summer Fair is one of our main events and is the one that takes the most organising. It provides a significant contribution to our annual fund raising. This year we raised the most money EVER totalling **£1907** .. WELL DONE ALL!



Etwall's got Talent winners: Well done KS2 Daisy and KS1 Abbi



Etwall's Family Music Festival. The weather was amazing at this years music festival, and helped it be a great success with our highest turn out so far. The music was excellent and the bar was busy and it was great to see everyone enjoying the outdoors.



2018/2019 upcoming PTFA Events

PTFA Meeting at the Spread Eagle	Wednesday 26th September
Recycling Day at School	Friday 26 th October
School Film Night	Monday 8 th October
Village Fireworks Event	Friday 8th November
Christmas Disco	Wednesday 28 th November
KS1 Nativity Play – with PTFA Cafe	Tue 11 th Wed 12 th December
Reception Nativity Play – with PTFA Cafe	Friday 14 th December
Secret Santa	Friday 7 th December
Christmas Class Hamper Raffle	Monday 10 th December
PTFA AGM & Committee Meeting	Tuesday 29 th January
School Film Night	Monday 4 th February
Recycling Day at School	Friday 15 th February



Check the [Etwall Family Events Website](http://etwallfamilyevents.co.uk/welcome/) for the latest Fireworks News:
<http://etwallfamilyevents.co.uk/welcome/>

Christmas activities

Secret Santa. A dedicated team of "Etwall Elves" will spend a few fun evenings designing, buying and then wrapping some new gifts to sell. We hope to continue to have many gifts donated and this will allow us to offer up to 2 gift purchases per child. On the day lots of very excited children make their purchases and the elves will help them to gift wrap ready for under the tree. We look forward to this event all year and hope the children will have a lovely Christmas experience.

Class Hampers. Thanks to the kind donations from parents and carers we are able to raffle class hampers. Last year we were able to create some additional hampers where there were doubles of items in the same class - more chances to win! We also added in some gifts we had made from Secret Santa. There were lots of raffle tickets sold and many happy winners, we hope this year will be as successful!

Reception & KS1 Nativity Plays: We will run a cafe before the Reception and the two KS1 nativity performances. Mince pies and will be available as well as a hot drink! Thank you to all who helped run the cafe.

Once again, the success of these events is due to your generous donations and support. Many thanks.

Support Your School Through the Easy Fund Raising Website

There is a simple way to help raise funds for the school whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for the PTFA. There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation to us, including Amazon, Sainsbury's, Tesco, John Lewis, Next, Argos, Aviva and thetrainline, – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/etwallps/> and join for free. It takes just a few minutes to register.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the retailer you want and start shopping. Your regular sites will appear on your home page under "Recently Visited" or you can create favourites list.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to us for no extra cost. There are no catches or hidden charges.

Currently we have 41 people signed up to support the school. They have raised over £750 since the scheme began. Thank you to the 41 currently signed up. If you have a couple of minutes to register the next time you go online, it would be appreciated.

Thanks for your support, Richard Davies, PTFA Chair



A huge thank you.... Jasmine' and Heath's Big Adventure

During the summer holidays, Jasmine and Heath Hammond-Wiseman climbed Ben Nevis in Scotland. They have raised an amazing £450.00 for the school. We would like to congratulate them both and thank them for their endeavours and all the money raised.

