



Emscote and All Saints' Schools PTA

October Newsletter 2019



Welcome to the first PTA newsletter for the year 2019/20 and a massive welcome to all new families. Through this termly newsletter we aim to keep you up to date with upcoming social and fundraising events and to feedback on past events and how we are spending the money we raise to help support our children.

The aim of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is to raise money to fund extras for the children and also to help foster a closer home-school relationship between families and both schools. We aim to spend the money we raise in the same year so that those helping with the events can see the benefits for their children.

Items for **Emscote** have a red title, items for **All Saints'** have a green title and **joint items** are blue.

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REPORT ON FUNDRAISING 2018/19

We are delighted to announce that last year was our most successful fundraising year ever, raising **£11,124.67** (£5,091.85 for All Saints' and £6,032.82 for Emscote). Children from both schools have been enjoying the benefits of spending all that we raised. Successful fundraising included the Christmas and summer fayres, raffles, children's artwork on mugs/tea towels, discos, a bingo night and our fireworks' event.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all children and their families for their contributions either helping out or attending one of our events. Let's hope 2019/20 is just as successful!

REPORT ON SPENDING

Last year, our spending has included £100 for each class at both schools, a Christmas pantomime and fun leavers' celebrations for our year 2 and year 6 children.

At **Emscote** we funded a special Chinese New Year assembly, purchased new carpets for the year 1 classes to help with sitting, bought Christmas presents and supported the Christmas party (including a visit from Father Christmas). We funded a visit from a touring theatre company who performed The Wizard of Oz, supported a trip to Ryton Pools and activities for reception in the summer term and funded the ongoing upkeep of the resident chickens. We also contributed £600 towards the end of year, whole school trip to Twycross Zoo.

At **All Saints'** we contributed £640 towards trips in the summer term, purchased much needed blinds for classroom windows, bought new musical instruments and art resources, as well as over £300 worth of books for the literacy corner and personalised Year 6 Leavers' t-shirts and treats for year 6 as they left the school.

This year, we've already committed to supporting regular events such as the visiting pantomime and trips, class money and Christmas presents. We need your support to ensure that we can continue to fund these and many other special activities for the children throughout the year.



FIREWORKS EVENING

We are holding our exciting fireworks event again this Autumn. The event will take place between **5.00 and 7.00pm on Thursday 7th November** at All Saints' School for families from both schools.

There will be hot food available between 5.30pm and 6.30pm and the firework display will start at 6.50pm. Tickets will cost £4.00 per adult and £2.00 per child, with all children under school age free. Tickets will be limited for safety reasons and will be sold on a first come first served basis. We have sold out the last 3 years so to avoid disappointment complete the attached form and return your money to the office as soon as possible.

RECEPTION FAMILY AFTERNOON



Emscote – Friday 25th October

The PTA will be serving refreshments and cakes at this event for reception parents and families. Donations of cakes on the morning of the event (either bought or homemade) from the reception parents will be gratefully received. Raffle tickets and 100 club numbers will also be on sale so bring some loose change!

100 CLUB

Please find attached a leaflet about the PTA 100 club, running across both schools. To take part, please complete the form and hand in with the relevant cash/cheque. The draw takes place once a month between October and July and costs £10 for 10 months.

MATCHED FUNDING

Last year we received matched funding of **over £1,500 from National Grid**. It would be great to hear from any parents who work for National Grid or any other company that supplies matched funding so that we can enhance our fundraising.

YEAR REPS AND PTA COMMITTEE

To be legally compliant with the Charity Commission there must be three elected committee members: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. At our AGM next Monday 7 October 2019 these three positions will be elected. The PTA are looking for a new chair for the academic year 2019/20 and have been discussing how the committee needs to evolve now that the Emscote and All Saints teams have successfully merged into one.

We are going to establish a year group representative system whereby each year has 2/3 parents who the PTA can turn to when organising events. For the fairs, each year will be given the responsibility of a particular stall/task and the class reps will be responsible for leading this with other parents in that year.

Please fill in the slip on the firework form if you are interested in being a year group rep and we will put together a Whatsapp group to aid communication.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next PTA meeting / AGM

Monday 7th October, 7:30pm

Emscote Infant School

Reception Family Afternoon

Friday 25th October, 2:00 – 3:00pm

Fireworks event

Thursday 7th November, 5:30 - 7pm

All Saints' School

(Admission by advance ticket only)

Christmas Fayre

Friday 29th November, 2:30 – 4:30pm

All Saints' School

Christmas Fayre

Friday 6th December, 5:00 – 7:00pm

Emscote School

Key Stage two Disco

Thursday 19th December, 4:15 – 5:45pm

All Saints' School

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 7th October at 7.30 pm**, at **Emscote Infant School**. We offer a warm welcome to any parents (new or returning) who would like to attend to learn a little more about the PTA and offer any help that you can. You can get involved as little or as much as you like. Our meetings are held at both schools on an alternating basis. If you are interested in getting involved, we would be happy to provide further information and we can be contacted by email at:

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VOLUNTEERS

We are extremely lucky to have a large number of volunteers. However, we always need more help and if anyone would like to volunteer to help at any of the events set out above please get in touch.