

Higham Primary PTA

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Happy New Year to you and we hope everyone has had a good start to 2019.

First of all, thank you for supporting us at Christmas with our fundraising bonanza. We managed to raise an amazing £2123 over the festive period - money which will all be used to improve your children's experiences at school.

We had some feedback from parents at the end of last term and while the majority was positive, we did receive some criticism for our recent activities and in light of this we have made some changes to our fundraising calendar for this year.

The main issue parents had was that sometimes our fundraising activities are too bunched together and we need to spread the cost more throughout the year. Christmas is a notoriously difficult time to organise any kind of fundraising event and whilst we cannot help events such as Afternoon Tea and the Fun Afternoon coming in quick succession due to it being the festive season, we have taken on board your comments and decided to hold our bi-annual raffles in Spring and Autumn now as opposed to Christmas and Summer, to spread the cost/pressure on us parents.

We try to plan dates in advance and give you plenty of warning on upcoming events so that you can budget and ensure that you sign your child up to activities in good time to avoid disappointment. Do bear in mind that when planning events we need to fit around school activities, scheduled school fundraising and room availability.

With plenty of exciting activities planned for the rest of the academic year, we hope your children enjoy the fun that the next few months have in store.

Any further feedback is always welcome. Email us at the address above or put a note in the PTA mailbox. We meet once a month on a Wednesday evening - advertised on our Facebook page and in the playground in advance of the meeting. We are a friendly bunch and would welcome new faces to join the throng. Some of our children will be leaving in the summer for secondary school and a number of key members have gone on to full time employment so we need new members. Come along and see what we are about - we promise you won't regret it!

The PTA



Upcoming Events 2019

08 March 2019 - Discos

Time: 18.00 - 19.15 (infants)
19.30 - 20.45 (juniors)

Cost: £2.00

Closing date: 07 March 2019

29 March 2019 – Easter Raffle draw

29 March 2019 – Mother's Day gifts (form attached)

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

24 May 2019 – Break the Rules Day

06 July 2019 – The Colour Run

More information and dates to follow!

Items recently funded...

£565 – Coach costs to O2 for
Young Voices Choir trip

£550 – whole school pantomime

£500 – Class Christmas presents

The Easter Raffle

Having looked at what works for other local PTA's, this year we have decided to do our raffles a little differently. Our Easter Raffle will comprise of 10 AMAZING HAMPERs full of Easter goodies. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 29th March 2019. Tickets will be on sale shortly and will be sent home with your children. We have only bought a limited number of tickets so please ensure that you put any unsold tickets in the PTA mailbox so that we can sell them on.

Raffles are a great way to raise money for the school but don't let the burden of buying raffle tickets fall on your shoulders. Children love the opportunity sell tickets to their neighbours, aunts, uncles and grandparents and enjoy the competition of selling as many tickets as they can!

The Colour Run

Saturday 06 July 2019 sees Higham Primary School's first ever COLOUR RUN! Voted for by school parents over the usual Summer Fayre, this is shaping up to be an event to remember! There will be more information nearer the time, but be sure and mark the date in your diary as your children will NOT want to miss this event! P.S: Make sure you save any old white t-shirts in readiness!



Christmas Fundraising 2018

What a fun-packed few weeks we had on the lead-up to Christmas! The Afternoon Tea with Father Christmas and his elf was a riot of songs, games and food and the children thoroughly entered into the Christmas spirit!

Fun Afternoon is so popular with the children, with all their favourite fayre games such as Angry Birds, Nerf Gun Alley and the tombola, they love spending their game tokens and choosing from the amazing prizes we had on offer.

Thank you for supporting these events – they take plenty of organisation but it is well worth it when we see all the smiling faces!



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