



St Margaret's Primary School PTA

September 2016 Newsletter

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Hello everyone and welcome to our first newsletter of the 2016/2017 school year.

Last year was phenomenally successful and we were able to raise over £10,000. The PTA would like to give a massive thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts last year and we hope that you will be able to support us again this year.

The money from last year will be put together with funds raised over the next year to provide more playground equipment for the children. Members of the PTA are currently in discussion with the school to select a short list of items and the Pupil Council will then be involved in making the final selection. As you will realise this is a serious undertaking and we will be working with Falkirk Council to ensure that there is a full risk assessment carried out.

Unfortunately, our AGM had to be postponed on the 6th September as not enough people were able to attend. It will now be held on 4th October at 7pm and we really encourage as many people as possible to attend. Attending the AGM is a great opportunity for you to see the workings of the PTA and there will be no obligation on you to attend further meetings or take on responsibilities.

Bag Packing

You may already have seen our flyer asking people to help out on Saturday 17th September at the B&M Store. We will be packing bags from 10-4 and need as many packers as possible.

We had a really good session last year at Tesco Redding Road and are hoping to build on that amount this year.

We are only looking for 30 minutes of your time, although if you want to stay for longer that would be fantastic and this is a great way of supporting the PTA with your time and not your pennies.

If you and your child can help out then please email us at stmargaretspta@hotmail.co.uk or post a message on our facebook page.

Dates for your diary

Sept 17th – Bag Packing at B&M Store, Falkirk

September 21st – Christmas Card Design in Learning Log to be returned by **October 3rd**

Sept 27th – Talking Heads event

Oct 4th – rescheduled PTA AGM

Oct 21st – Halloween Disco

Nov 19th – Christmas Fayre

Dec 9th – Christmas Disco



Class Fundraising Christmas Cards and Gifts



It's that time of year when we begin thinking about Christmas. Over the past few years we have worked with the school and Class Fundraising to create Christmas Cards, Gift Tags, Mugs and Towels for you to buy which have been individually designed by the children in P1 through P7. The PTA are constantly amazed by the children's creativity and how amazing their designs look once printed.

We will be issuing a template for the child to design their own Christmas Card in the learning log of 21st Sept. They will have 2 weekends to complete this, it must be returned by 3rd October.

There are a few key things to remember

- ✓ Don't worry if they make a mistake, we have a blank template posted to the PTA section of the school website so you can download as many templates as you need
- ✓ We also have ideas and templates for younger children to use if they (or you) need inspiration
- ✓ Don't use any glitter (it doesn't print out well) but pencils, pens, paint all work well and this year they could make up collages
- ✓ Make sure their name and class is printed clearly on the template
- ✓ Have fun!

In the past the nursery children have made Tea Towels or Christmas Cards and we are currently looking at a range of options for them this year.

Where can you find out more about us and how can you contact us?

We would like to remind you that we have a dedicated PTA section on the school website, <http://www.st-margarets.falkirk.sch.uk/>. Here you will find all the latest information on events being held, money raised so far this year, when our next PTA meeting will be, minutes for our meetings, our PTA newsletter, links to supporters of the PTA and online fundraisers, information on our constitution and also how to contact us.



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Or see us in the playground! 😊