



St Margaret's Primary School PTA

Summer 2016 Newsletter

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Hello everyone and welcome to our final newsletter of the 2015/2016 school year.

The PTA would like to give a massive thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts this year, be it attending our first ever Race Night back in September, bag packing at Tesco, baking cakes for our Christmas Fayre, buying the Christmas Cards, mugs, tea towels so beautifully designed by the children, attending our Christmas Fayre or 3 Kings Night, helping out at the discos or buying tickets for our Summer Raffle. We would also like to thank the very generous person who donated £250 to the PTA and the school staff who help the PTA throughout the year. Every little thing that you do to support our events helps enormously, so **thank you.**



We have raised **£9483.33** (excluding Summer Disco) this year which is an amazing achievement. Please see page 2 for a breakdown of where funds were raised. In addition to the Cooking Equipment, Walkie Talkies for support staff, speakers for the music room and book ends for the library this money will be used to purchase additional playground equipment which we identified the children would like when we surveyed them last year and they will be able to use.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Raffle. We were very fortunate in the fantastic prizes we were able to offer and thank the many parents who contributed prizes. We also thank the many people who bought raffle tickets and those who went into their workplaces and sold tickets for us.

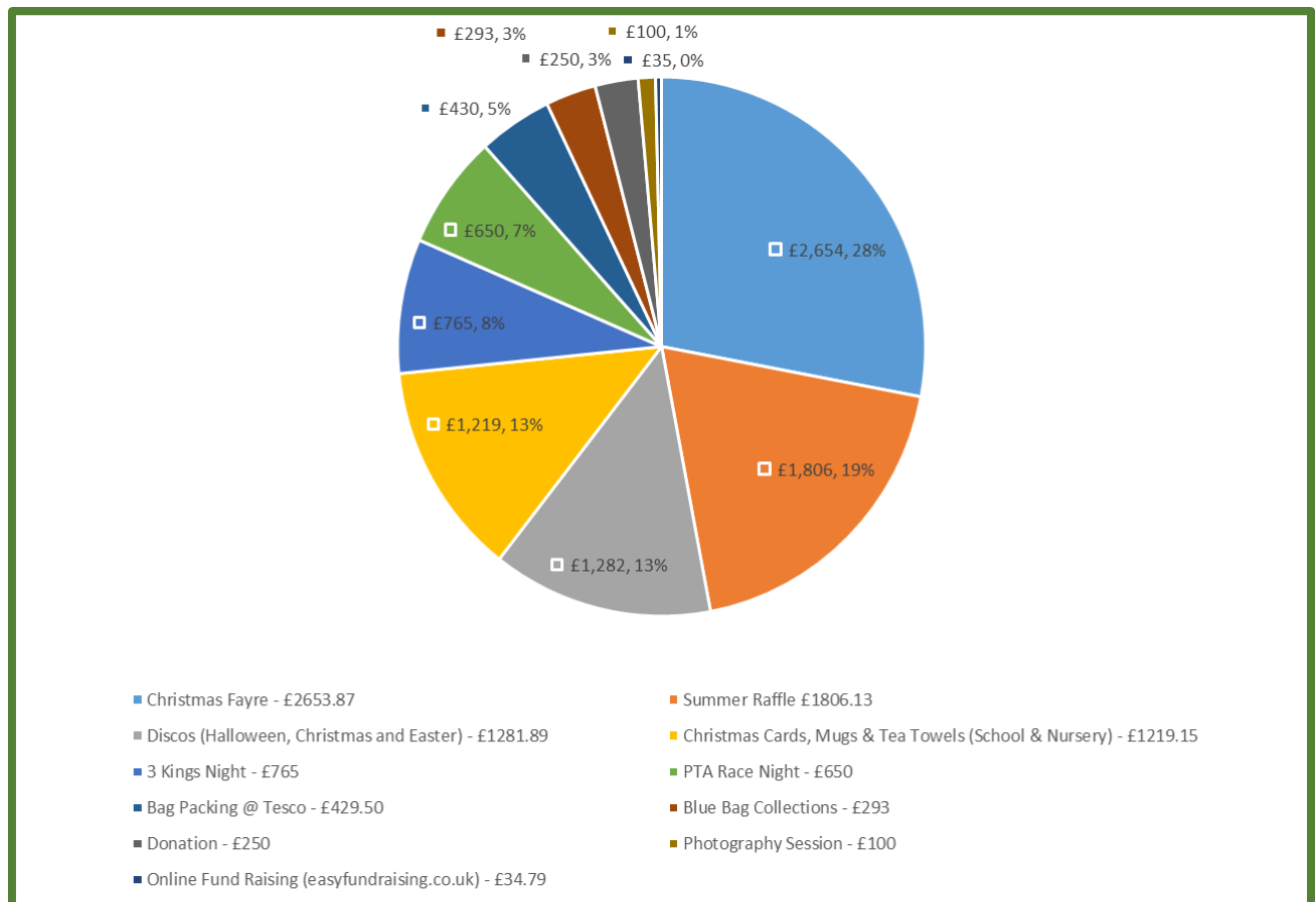
We raised **£1806.13**. The raffle was drawn at the summer concerts and the prize winners have been contacted and we are in the process of handing them out.

Dates for your diary

- June 17th** – Summer Disco Shorts and Shades theme
- Sept 6th** – AGM and first PTA meeting
- Sept 17th** – Bag Packing at B&M Store, Falkirk
- Sept 27th** – Talking Heads event
- Sept 30th** – Family Bingo night
- Oct 21st** – Halloween Disco
- Nov 19th** – Christmas Fayre
- Dec 16th** – Christmas Disco



2015/2016 Funds raised **£9483.33** as of June 20th



This pie chart shows a breakdown of where funds were raised this school year. As you can see our most profitable event is the Christmas Fayre, followed by the Summer Raffle. Our school discos are always popular as are the Christmas Cards and Tea Towels which the children design. Please note we have not held our final event of the year, our summer disco, so our total will rise.

During the 2016/2017 school year we plan to hold a Family Bingo night and a Race Night in addition to school discos, Christmas Fayre, blue bag collection and bag packing. We will continue to work with Class Fundraising to create personalised Christmas cards and gifts for Primary 1 through 7 and plan to work with them to create eco-bags with the nursery children which we hope will make great Christmas gifts.

If you have a fundraising idea that you feel would work well in raising funds for the PTA and school, then please let us know. Chat to one of us in the playground, come along to our next meeting or contact us through Facebook or email us at stmargaretspta@hotmail.co.uk.



Summer Disco Friday 17th June

Shorts and Shades Theme

The Summer disco will be held on Friday 17th June. As part of their transition into P1 we are inviting all nursery children who will start school in August to attend. In order to support them, we ask that a parent or carer stays with them for the duration of the disco. We are also inviting their P6 buddies to attend this disco (buy a ticket and come to both discos).

In order to alleviate space at the first disco the P3 children will attend the later disco.

Nursery, P1, P2 (and P6 buddies) 5.45-7pm

P3,4,5,6 and 7s 7.30 – 8.45pm

Entry to the disco is £1, flyers/permission slips have been issued. Children will not be able to attend without payment and completion of a permission slip. Permission slips and money can be returned to the school prior to the disco or you can download the attachment and pay at the door.

We have created a disco section on the PTA section of the school website where you can download another copy of the permission slip.

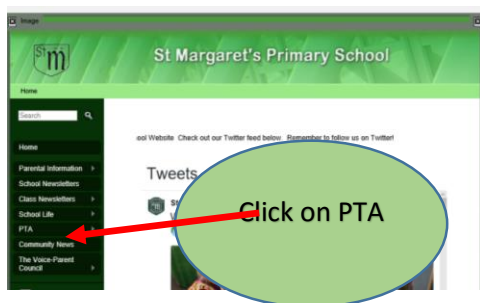
We have also updated the permission slip with regard to allergies so we draw your attention to this if your child has one that may require medical treatment at a disco.

The discos can only run with the support of parents/carers, both in the organisation and running of them and also in ensuring that all children understand the behaviour expected of them. If you would be prepared to help out, then please either return a completed permission slip or let us know by emailing stmargeretspta@hotmail.co.uk



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

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.



There is a subscribe button on the webpage, if you click on this you will receive emails when it has been updated.



Please sign up to our Facebook page. There is a link on the PTA section of the school website or you can find us at St Margaret's Primary School Polmont PTA.

Email us at stmargaretspta@hotmail.co.uk

Or see us in the playground! 😊

The PTA is pleased to announce 2 new fundraisers which as you prepare for the new term you may wish to support:

My Nametag.com

Sick of your child's jumper, water bottle, jacket going missing? Make sure it is easy to identify by buying nametags and putting them on everything going into the school. For all purchases over £10, my name tag will donate 20% to the PTA.

Simply go to www.MyNametags.com, make your selection and enter the school ID (24873) on the payment page.

Bow Divas

Bow Divas make hairbands and bows for girls hair and they will donate £1 to the PTA for every St Margaret's Primary school hairband or hair bow they sell.

You can order them from their facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/BowDiva-116398678570404/timeline>

How can you make put PTA more successful?

Parents/carers can help make the PTA successful in different ways and many hands make light work so every contribution is very much appreciated.

If you have the time and enjoy planning and organising events, you could join the committee.

For some people it is difficult to attend a meeting each month due to other commitments but we have a small army of helpers that regularly come along to help out at events e.g. Discos, Xmas Fayre, Bag packing etc. If you're interested in helping at events we hold an email database and contact everyone prior to events when we need help.

Being part of the helper list doesn't mean you are expected to help at every event, just those you can manage. If your strength is baking or making we look for home-baking for the Christmas Fayre and always welcome any home-made items for tombola/raffle prizes.

Even a clear-out can help the PTA as we accept donations of unwanted gifts (adults and children) all year round which are used for tombola/raffle prizes. Any donations can be handed into the school office at any time clearly labelled for the PTA.

Finally, none of our events would be successful without the support of parents/carers so buying raffle tickets/Christmas cards or attending events like the Christmas Fayre or Race Nights and bringing along friends and family is a vital part of our fundraising efforts.

The PTA wishes each and every one of you a safe and wonderful (sunny) summer whether you are going far or staying at home and we look forward to working with you during the next school year.