



St Margaret's Primary School PTA

Q1 2017 Newsletter

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A warm welcome to our first newsletter of 2017

Thank you to everyone who supported us over the previous two terms, whether that was helping at school discos, coming along and helping at bag packing, supporting our Christmas Fayre or buying gifts as part of our Christmas Fundraiser in partnership with Class Fundraising.

Since we started back in August we have raised **£5699.29** and have supported the school by paying for food from different countries as part of European Languages Day, performance of the pantomime Pinocchio, food and prizes for all of the Christmas parties, Santa prizes for the nursery and P1 Christmas parties and new waterproof outfits for the nursery. Mrs Bateman has noted that the school would not be able to host many of these events if it was not for the financial support of the PTA.

We have a number of committee members stepping down at the end of this year and are therefore looking for more parents/carers to come along to help at events or join the committee. **It's fun and rewarding and the more people who help, the less there is for everyone to do.**



Family Bingo Night 10th March

We are excited to be holding a family bingo night in March to which we invite all parents/carers and family and friends. Entry is free, £3 for a bingo book and £1 to enter the "half time quick bingo".

Prizes will be chocolate or sweetie hampers donated as part of dress down Friday (24/02), we will sell tea/coffee/juice and a full tuck shop will be operating.

LOOK OUT FOR FLYER

Dates for your diary

February 24th – Dress Down Day (*chocolate or sweeties to be the forfeit*)

February 27th – PTA Meeting and EGM (7pm)

March 10th – Family Bingo

March 24th – Easter Disco

June – Summer Raffle

June 23rd – Summer Disco



Funds raised so far 2016/2017

Sept	Bag Packing B&M Stores	£422.50
October	Halloween Disco	£476.91
Dec	Christmas Fayre	£3,001.01
Dec	Nursery Tea Towels	£278.30
Dec	School Christmas Cards	£953.36
Dec	Christmas Disco	£441.21
Dec	Bags to School	£126.00
		£5,699.29

DRESS DOWN DAY

On Friday 24th February children do not need to wear uniform to school.

They will be asked however to donate chocolate or sweets to the PTA which will be used for prizes at our Family Bingo night (10th March)

Thank you for your support



FOR INFORMATION - Parent/Carer Survey (Children 0-8)

Falkirk Council is funding a survey of Parents/Carers of children aged 0-8 so they can gain a true picture of the circumstances of children and families, their needs and experiences and from that shape and improve local services.

Between now and the end of April ScotCen Social Research will be knocking on doors of houses in the Polmont area asking eligible people if they're willing to take part, explaining the purpose of the study and how the information will be used.

Why should I join the PTA?

We are always looking for more people to join the PTA and come along and help. The more people who help in the PTA the better it is for the school in terms of raising funds and bringing new ideas in. Parents/carers can help make the PTA successful in different ways and many hands make light work so every contribution is very much appreciated.

But what benefits do you get by helping on the school PTA?

- ✓ **It's good for your child**
Research shows that children whose parents are involved in their school are more successful learners.
- ✓ **It is fun**
Make friends and enjoy planning and taking part in PTA activities
- ✓ **You'll be part of a network**
This is an opportunity to meet other parents, not just the ones in your child's year
- ✓ **Be a role model to your child**
Show your child how rewarding it is to volunteer and how by volunteering you are making a positive difference to St Margaret's Primary School
- ✓ **Develop new skills**
The skills you have and use on the PTA are all transferrable and may help you land your dream job.