



St Margaret's Primary School PTA

June 2017 Newsletter

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Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year.

We have had a phenomenal year yet again and with your help have raised **£9283.02** for the PTA. See Page 3 for a breakdown of where money was raised. The Summer Raffle raised £1994.34, a huge thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and especially if you sold tickets to family, friends or work colleagues. Congratulations to the lucky winners, all of whom have received their prizes.

We are very excited to let you know that the school is in the process of ordering playground equipment which the PTA will be paying for. In total, the PTA will provide £14,620.90 to cover the cost of 3 pieces of equipment and surfaces, installation and inspection. We will also pay for annual inspections going forward. The Pupil Council Learning Team were heavily involved in the selection process. More info about their experience and what they have chosen to install can be found on Page 2.

In addition to the playground equipment, this year we have also funded:

- ❖ 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
- ❖ New waterproof outfits for the nursery
- ❖ P7 Leavers Disco
- ❖ P7 Yearbooks

Without the support of parent/carers the PTA would not be able to do the work that it does. However, we do need a core of Committee Members to ensure that events take place. We were extremely disappointed to cancel the Easter Disco simply because we did not have enough Committee Members and parent/carers to attend and run the disco safely. So **PLEASE**, think about joining the PTA.

We have some new fundraising activities planned for 2017/2018 and look forward to seeing many of you at our AGM on 5th September.

Thank you again for all your support and have a wonderful (hopefully sunny) summer!

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PTA FOR ST. MARGARET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE CAMPUS

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**Your
PTA
Needs
You!**

This years' AGM will be held in the small hall of the school on Tuesday 5th September at 7pm.

Why not come along and find out more about what has been going on over the past year, what we plan to do in 2017/2018 and let us know how you can contribute to our success?

Dates for your Diary

Sept 4th – Last day to enter our 200 Club

Sept 5th – AGM and 1st PTA meeting of 2017/2018

Sept 23rd – Bag Packing at Smiths Toy Superstore

Oct 27th – Halloween Disco

Nov 18th – Christmas Fayre

Dec 15th – Christmas Disco

Pupil Council Learning Team

This year to promote Pupil Voice, the Pupil Council Learning Team were given the responsibility of identifying which pieces of equipment should be chosen in consultation with all pupils and staff. The overwhelming favourite was a slide built into the side of the grass slope followed by a variety of designs for climbing equipment.

Most recently a surveyor from Playdale visited the School site to discuss the costing and installation of the chosen items in the near future. As this goes to press, Playdale are working on the final plan to install the equipment. Due to the school summer holidays, it will not be possible to have the chosen items installed before the start of next term.

The donations made at the Concert Performances of £665, together with a further £556 from the Parent Council, will go towards swing bars which will complement the new larger pieces of playground equipment. The cost of the installation of the swing bars (which includes the ground works and safety flooring) is £3866.55 and the deficit will be paid by School funds.

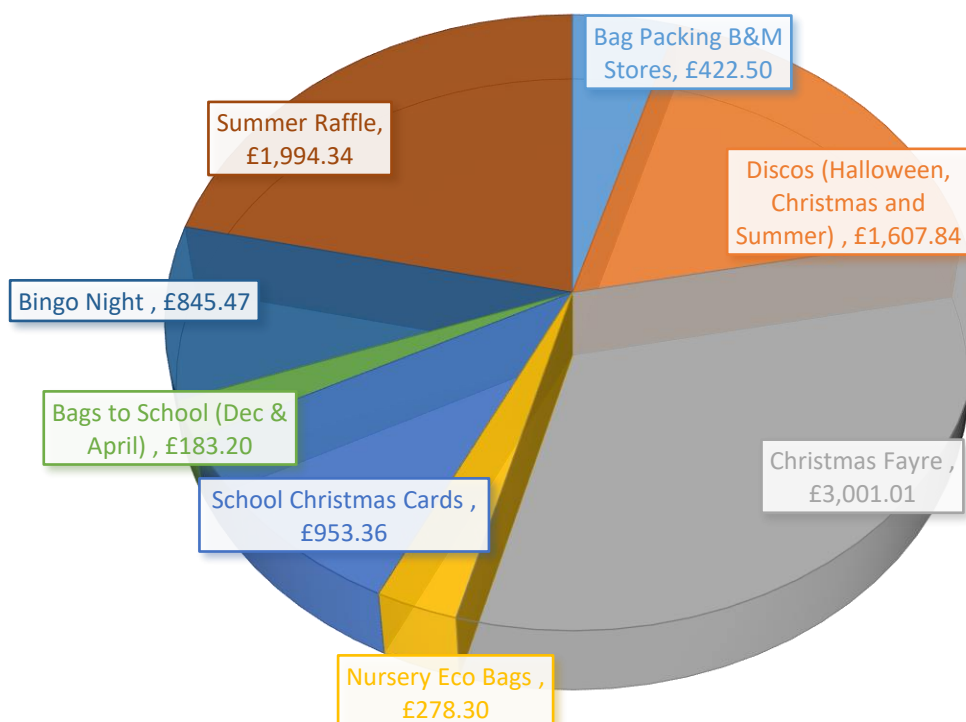
Sincere thanks to the PTA for their dedication in raising valuable funds for the children of St. Margaret's Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare Campus. It is greatly appreciated by all.

2016/2017 Fundraising Events

We held 8 different fundraising activities this year. We started this year knowing that last year's total would be difficult to surpass, as PTA Committee members had other commitments this year and we had no new committee members join. We decided not to hold a Race Night and had to cancel the Easter Disco which resulted in reduced income.

Similar to last year our most profitable event was our Christmas Fayre followed by the Summer Raffle. The Christmas Cards which the children design proved very popular again as were the Eco Bags which the Nursery did. School discos generate a significant amount for us but we can only hold these when we have the full support of parents who come along and help out on the night. Our inaugural Bingo Night was very popular and enjoyed by all who came. In addition, we Bag Packed and continue to use Bags to School which is a great way to recycle unwanted clothes and toys.

2016/2017 AMOUNT RAISED



During the 2017/2018 year we plan to hold school discos, a Christmas Fayre, bag packing and continue with Bags to School. We plan to work with Class Fundraising to create personalised Christmas cards and gifts for Primary 1 through 7 and to create Tea Towels with the nursery children which we hope will make great Christmas gifts.

We are also starting a 200 Club (see page 4 for more details). If you have any ideas for fundraising then please email your suggestion to stmargaretspta@hotmail.co.uk or come along to our AGM on 5th September.



200 club

Got your number?

The PTA are launching a 200 club which we hope you will support. It is a fantastic and easy way to support the PTA and also give you the chance to win back your money each month.

The premise is that each member will pay £10 for a number (there will be 200 numbers per year). Half the money goes to the PTA to purchase equipment or experiences for the school children and the other half is distributed on an agreed basis to winning "investors". For each of the months the PTA holds a meeting your number will be entered into a draw (we meet Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, May, June). 3 numbers will be drawn each month with first winning £50 and 2nd and 3rd winning £25 (except December where the prizes will be double).

Numbers will be allocated on a 1st come 1st served basis. If we receive less than 200 entries then the prize winnings will be reduced in proportion.

You can purchase as many numbers as you want (£10 each) and can ask other family members (e.g. grandparents, aunts or uncles) to also purchase numbers. If you do so you may want them to complete their own entry form. A copy of the form has been attached here.

The form giving this information will also be issued to children in the 1st week back at school and we ask that you return it before the **4th September**. Our 1st draw will take place on 5th September and any entries received after that will be returned.

This table gives an example of how prizes will be allocated assuming all 200 numbers are sold (*If we receive less than 200 entries then the prize winnings will be reduced in proportion*).

Month	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
Sept	£50	£25	£25
Oct	£50	£25	£25
Nov	£50	£25	£25
Dec	£100	£50	£50
Jan	£50	£25	£25
Feb	£50	£25	£25
Mar	£50	£25	£25
May	£50	£25	£25
June	£50	£25	£25

The PTA benefits this way

200 numbers at £10 each	£2000
Prize fund	£1000
PTA funding	£1000



St Margaret's Primary School P T A 200 Club

The PTA is launching a 200 Club as a way of fundraising for St Margaret's Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare Campus. This is how the 200 Club will work.

The Plan	Up to 200 people buy one or more 'numbers' per year. Half the total sum raised goes to PTA and the other half is distributed on an agreed basis to winning 'investors' whose numbers have been drawn.
Membership	The cost to enter the 200 club is £10 per number. Investors may hold more than one number. The first draw will take place during PTA meeting on September 5 th 2017.
Number Ownership	Numbers 1 to 200 will belong to the member to whom it is allocated for as long as he or she is a paid-up member of the 200 Club.
Prize Draw	All numbers are included in each draw. Between August and June there will be 9 draws. The draw will be held at Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, May and June PTA meetings and numbers will be drawn by School Staff in attendance. 1st Number wins £50 2nd and 3rd number win £25 each The December prize draw will be as follows 1st number wins £100 2nd and 3rd numbers will £50 each <i>Prize money will depend on the number of paid-up shareholders that month – if there are less than 200 members by 5th Sept 2017 prize money will reduce proportionally</i>
How does this make PTA money?	Income from 200 shares @ £10 per share £2,000 Winning prizes (drawn as per above schedule) £1,000 Profit for PTA £1,000

You can see that this scheme raises serious money for the PTA – and gives you a chance of winning your money back each month – and more! Your interest in the PTA, and your support, is greatly appreciated and we hope you will want to take part in this fund-raising scheme.

Below is a cut-off application form. Please complete the form and return it, together with cash or a cheque (made payable to *St Margaret's Primary PTA*) for £10 for each share, to the school. You can purchase as many shares as you like, however they will be sold on a first come, first served basis. The results will be posted on PTA Facebook page and winners will also be notified to arrange payment of winnings.

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APPLICATION TO JOIN THE ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL P T A

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Childs Name and Class _____

I wish to have 1 2 3 4 5 () numbers, at £10 per number, in St Margaret's Primary School PTA 200 Club. *(Please circle/enter number required)*

I enclose a cash or cheque made payable to *St Margaret's Primary PTA* for £_____.

Signed: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

FORMS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RETURNED BY SEPT 4TH TO BE INCLUDED IN 



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.



If you haven't already done so, 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 Margarets Primary School Polmont PTA.

Unfortunately, due to changes made by Falkirk Council, we have been unable to update the PTA section of the school website. However, it still has information on school discos and the Christmas Cards.

Email us at stmargaretspta@hotmail.co.uk or see one of us in the playground.

Current Committee Members are Lisa Duncan, Louise Simpson, Alison Drackford, Gordon Lawless, Catriona Currie, Jill Dickson, Amanda Rennie, Lynsey Simpson and Yvonne Stuart.

The PTA would like to thank every parent/carer for their help and support this year whether it was Bag Packing at B&M Stores, helping at discos, making things for the Christmas Fayre, donating items for hampers or tombolas, buying Christmas cards, mugs and tea towels, coming along to the Bingo Night, donating Raffle prizes or buying Raffle Tickets.

We wish you a fantastic summer, where ever that takes you and look forward to your support in 2017/2018.