



St Margaret's Primary School PTA

Summer 2018 Newsletter

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Hello everyone and welcome to our final newsletter of the 2017/2018 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 hugely popular Bingo night, bag packing at Smyths, baking cakes for our Christmas Fayre, buying the Christmas Cards, mugs, tea towels so beautifully designed by the children, attending our Christmas Fayre, helping out at the discos or buying tickets for our Summer Raffle. We would also like to thank 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 **£9242.56** this year which is an amazing achievement. Please see page 2 for a breakdown of where funds were raised. As you are probably aware, money raised for the last 2 years has recently been spent on new playground equipment for all the children to use. It has proved to be hugely popular and we have been so lucky that the weather has allowed all the children lots of access to it.



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 **£1529.94**. The raffle was drawn at the summer concerts and the prize winners have been contacted and all prizes have been handed over.

Dates for your diary

Sept 3rd – AGM and first PTA meeting

Sept 7th – no uniform day

Sept 21st – Bingo Night

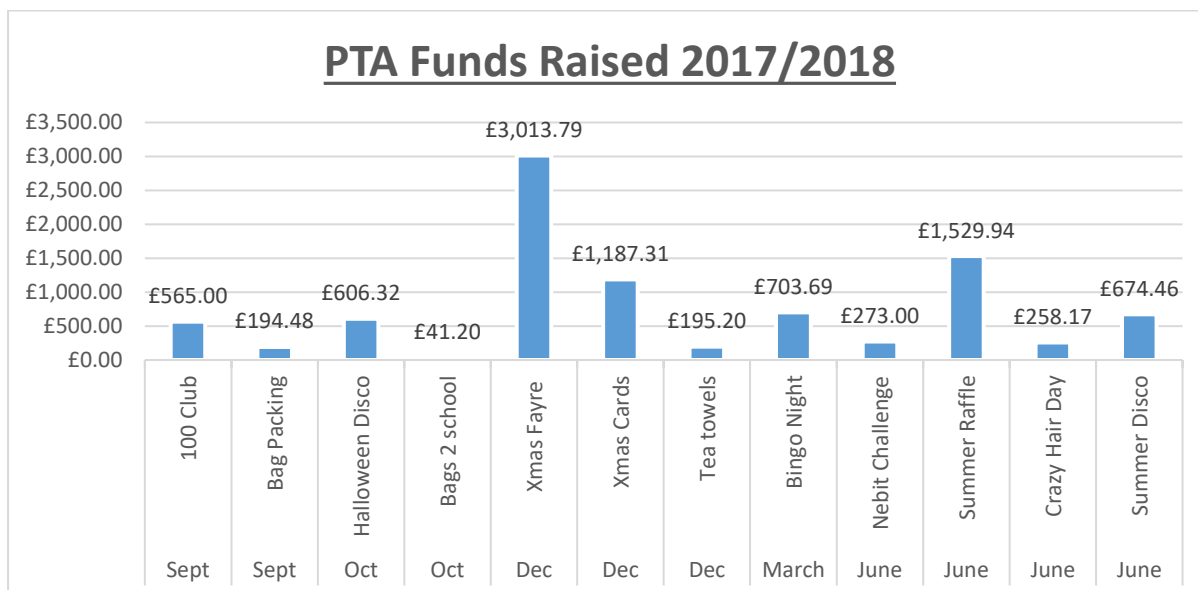
Nov 2nd – Halloween Disco

Nov 17th – Christmas Fayre

Dec 7th – Christmas Disco



2017/2018 Funds raised **£9242.56** as of June 21st



This 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. We introduced three new fundraising activities this year, two of which were suggested by parent/carers (100 Club, Nebit Challenge and Crazy Hair Day) and were delighted with how successful they were.

During the 2018/2019 school year we plan to hold two Family Bingo nights in addition to school discos, Christmas Fayre, 100 Club and blue bag collection. 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 tea towels with the nursery children which we hope will make great Christmas gifts. We plan to liaise with the Rotary of Alloa for the Nebit Hill walk again next year and hope that other people will be encouraged to take part in this.

We are always looking for new fundraising ideas, so 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 (3rd September), contact us through Facebook or email us at stmargaretspta@hotmail.co.uk.

The PTA was sorry to hear of Mrs Bateman's retirement at the end of this school year. We have all appreciated her support of our fundraising activities over the years and can testify to her commitment to always putting the children of St Margaret's Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare Campus first with any decision making.

We wish her all the best for a long and happy retirement.



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



The best way to find out information about what we are up to is to like and follow us on Facebook. There is a link on the PTA section of the school website or you can find us at St Margarets Primary School Polmont PTA.



Email us at stmargaretspta@hotmail.co.uk



Or see us in the playground!



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 Bingo 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.