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Thank you for a record breaking year!

Welcome to our first PTFA newsletter of the new academic year 2017/2018. On behalf of us all, a very big thank you to all the parents, helpers, PTFA members and supporters who helped us achieve a record breaking amount last year.

In 2016/2017, we raised a fantastic **£7500** for the benefit of the children at Ashton Hayes. This is a truly phenomenal result and reflects the support of so many people. We are immensely grateful to the parents, teachers and friends of school, who have attended events, contributed resources and made donations, got stuck in with running events, baked countless cakes, painted faces, designed posters, written funding applications and helped in countless other ways. It is hard to name everyone individually, but there are some particular stars who we really want to recognize.

Thank you to the following leading lights: *Bev Taylor, Nic Whitelock-Wainwright, Liz Moulton, Karen Lindley, Sam Hocking, Liz Toombs, Lucy Powers, Sally Halliwell, Lisa Cleaver, Shelley Cumming, Lisa Metcalfe, Mary Ankers, Tracy Snell, Kat Downing, Gianna Loparco*. All those parents who made generous lump sum donations – *Tim Hulse, Kelly Gordon, the Hunters* – to name but a few which resulted in new football, basketball and netball kits this year.

The Harry Potter Hey Day and Christmas Fair were the biggest earners – so special thanks to all our supportive parents who gave up their time to man stalls, bake cakes and buy supplies – plus everyone who attended and allowed their children to spend their hard-earned cash!! It really is appreciated.

Off to a great start already!

After such an amazing result last year, we are feeling confident about our fundraising plans for the coming year. The Halloween disco was a successful event for children and parents alike, generating more than £650 profit. Thank you to all who came, contributed or just enjoyed this fun event. We noted the introduction of a Bar and Parent Creche were popular additions this year ;-)

The Quiz Night earlier in October was also well attended, a big thank you to the Teachers who prepared question rounds and joined us in the evening to test the parents' mettle. As ever, parents and friends of school soaked up the atmosphere of friendly competition and relished the delicious Chilli dishes prepared by members of the PTA.



URGENT CALL! Pond Project

The PTFA have submitted a bid to the Aviva Community Fund to try and win **£5000** for the pond renovation project. To be successful we need as many people as possible to vote for us using the link below:

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-5741>

Please VOTE and SHARE

Voting closes November 21st at noon



Upcoming Events

Our next **Film Night** will be taking place on **Friday 17th November**, where we will be showing **Despicable Me 3**. Tickets will be on sale for £3 from School Office.

As in previous Film Nights, pizzas will be available to pre-order, but this year they are delicious wood-fired pizzas

(Pepperoni, Margarita or Vegetarian) to be supplied by the **Royal Oak in Kelsall**, all at £10.00

Here are some other key dates to put in your diary:

Christmas Fair - Sunday 10th December 3-5pm

The Fair will be held at the Ashton Hayes Village Hall again this year. You can expect to be delighted by the usual array of quality stalls, Santa's grotto, fabulous catering and much more!

As ever, we really appreciate the help and contributions from the army of parents and supporters of the school. Nearer the time when we have a jobs rota available, please sign up to help out if you can. Our Facebook page alerts you of PTFA meetings and other useful information, so please follow us on that and come along to the meetings if you are able to. It has been great to have new parents to the school to join us at these meetings recently and contribute to the planning of events. It's a great way to get to know the other families at school, who are a sociable bunch.



What are we doing with the money raised?

In these tough financial times, every penny counts. The PTFA have ring-fenced £5,000 to renovate the pond area and have already bought a wireless kestrel box camera that allows the children to watch wildlife in their school grounds - you may have already seen some Facebook posts on a family of badgers and foxes who've already paid us a visit.

We also returned all money from Professor Sprouts Herbology stall at Hey Day to Mr Gilbert, so Owl class can continue their outdoor planting. The PTFA also subsidised the cost of the buses which took the children to the Christmas panto last year and paid for Matt Goodfellow to come into school and teach two days of poetry workshops.

We have also pledged to pay for a member of staff to train as an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) who will look at boosting pupils' self-esteem, social skills and behaviour. We are also very open to suggestions, so if there is anything you would like the PTFA to consider using our funds for please let us know...

PTFA meeting dates for your diary...

Weds Nov 22, Wed Dec 6, Tue Jan 16, Mon Jan 29, Mon Feb 12, Tues Feb 27, Wed Mar 14, Mon Mar 26, Tues Apr 17, Wed Apr 25, Mon May 14, Tues Jun 5, Wed Jun 20

Events scheduled for 2018, for the real advanced planners...

Feb 9 – Film Night

March 1 – Book Bingo

March 18 – Family fun dog show

March 29 – Easter Egg hunt

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April 28 – Murder Mystery fine dining evening

June 23 – Hey Day

How to get in touch:

Your PTFA team would welcome any comments, ideas or feedback you have about our planned events and aims. You can use the **Ashton Hayes PTFA page on Facebook** or speak to:

Chair: Beverly Taylor

Secretary: Liz Hull

Treasurer: Lucy Powers

Class representatives:

Kestrel – Stephanie Ratcliffe

Owl – AJ Griffiths, Lisa Metcalfe

Sparrowhawk – Karen Lindley & Mary Ankers

Peregrine – Y3 Jenny Sheppard and Kate Querelle

Y4 Nic Whitelock Wainwright, and Liz Toombs

Buzzard – Lucy Powers & Viv Couche

Easy Fundraising - We made a record £200 from the online shopping app this year, but could be making so much more. Please sign up and get involved and help us make FREE MONEY for the school.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ashtonhayesptfa/>

