

PTFA Newsletter Autumn 2020



A very warm welcome from your PTFA to this very different autumn term! We are so pleased to see the children settling back into school and to welcome the new Kestrel children and parents. As you will no doubt be aware, fundraising for school is going to look a little different this year. We would like to fill you in on a few activities we have planned, which we hope will be enjoyed by the children and provide much needed funds for the school. But first an update on last year...

FUNDRAISING FOR 2019/20 ACADEMIC YEAR

Despite a much shorter period of fundraising last year we were able to run five fundraising events, including a new, and very popular, 'Glow Disco'. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we were delighted to have raised a total of £5311. We have focused our spending on improving the outdoor areas, including the purchase of a yurt to be positioned near the woodland area and serve as an outdoor classroom and a indoor space for forest school. We have also invested in a number of new picnic benches for the playground, sports equipment and books for the school library.

'BE TRUE TO YOU' NON-UNIFORM DAY- FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER- £1 PER CHILD DONATION

Our first event this year is a new 'Be True To You' non-uniform day on Friday 9th October. To mark 'World Mental Health Day' we are going to hold a non-uniform day with a difference! We would like to help raise awareness of the importance of our children feeling free to be themselves and celebrate their own style. It may be that they love wearing sporty clothes or perhaps they like to dress as a superhero or a princess. Feel free to be as expressive as you'd like, including facepaint, nail varnish or hair chalk! We will also be having a cake sale after school, more details to follow!

PUMPKIN TRAIL- 17TH- 24TH OCTOBER - £2 PER CHILD DONATION

After the success of the scarecrow trail around the village in the summer, we have been inspired to get creative and hold a pumpkin trail. As a safe alternative to trick or treating, we will create a trail of your designs to discover around the village. There will be an autumn phrase to find hidden in the pumpkins and a cone of sweets for every child who completes the trail. Your pumpkins can be carved or painted and will be added to one of twelve locations around Ashton. Simply drop off your pumpkin outside school on Friday 16th October and pick up a map and your sweets for a donation of £2 per child. They will be displayed from the 17th for at least a week, just depending on how long the pumpkins last!

BOOK DONATIONS

With school and libraries closed during lockdown, many of us purchased extra books for our children which we may no longer need. The school is very much in need of both reading and library books but before we purchase any, we'd like to appeal for donations of books in good condition that are suitable for children from Reception to Year 6. There will be a box for donations outside school from Monday 5th October. Thank you in advance!

SPONSOR AN IPAD

At the end of 2019, we launched an appeal to sponsor an iPad. Four businesses kindly donated and these have now been purchased and are in use in the classrooms. However, we still need 11 more! Could your business or workplace help? Each iPad is £276 and school will invoice your business. Simply email admin@ashtonhayes.cheshire.sch.uk if you think you may be able to help. Thank you!

EASYFUNDRAISING

One of the easiest (and completely free) ways to raise money is to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started. You can find our easyfundraising page here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ashtonhayesptfa/> We raised over £500 last year so it's definitely worth it!

AMAZON SMILE

Amazon is no longer part of easyfundraising so this need to be set up separately. To set it up simply visit www.smile.amazon.com and log into your Amazon account. Then select Ashton Hayes Primary School Parent Teacher Association and away you go! Then, if you're using the app you'll also need to enable it under the 'Programmes and Features' section of the menu. It should just take a minute but will then contribute a percentage of all of your orders!

AMAZON WISHLIST

Whilst we are going to make every effort to run as many safe events as possible, there is no doubt our fundraising capacity will be significantly reduced while we're unable to gather together. If you would like to give a one off donation that will go directly to resources for the children, we have set up an 'Amazon wish list' with a number of items needed by school. You can either buy an item or a voucher and every contribution no matter how small is much appreciated. Find the list at <https://amzn.eu/5ISDwM6> and keep an eye out for items being added over the coming weeks. Thank you!

APPLE STALL

We raised £45 from the sale of apples from the McGrath's tree, thank you to everyone who donated! We hope you made some yummy treats!

Finally, we would like to thank you so much for your continued support of our wonderful school. If you'd like to get more involved please get in touch via our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ashtonhayesptfa or email us at ptfa@ashtonhayes.cheshire.sch.uk

Many thanks,
Your PTFA team