

# PTA Newsletter

August 2019

## Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all of you at the start of another school year. The PTA has just about recovered from the May Spring Fayre but we're ready to get going with all the things we have planned.

As always, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who got involved last year. We managed to raise around £6,000, a fantastic achievement for all involved. Whether you were a PTA member or one of our event volunteers; whether you donated to the raffle or teddy tombola; or simply came along and spent your money, you helped to raise vital funds that support our school and help to create a wonderful environment for our children to enjoy, develop and learn.

Last year the school focused on 'Mission Pencaitland Play'. The project transformed the school's outdoor space, providing a varied and rich outdoor environment for our children to enjoy. The PTA supported the project by: funding a play expert to deliver specialist training to staff and children; funding an additional member of staff to enable all classes to participate in outdoor activities; and contributing to the purchase of two new pieces of outdoor play equipment that we hope will be a huge hit with the children this year.

Aside from Mission Pencaitland Play, the PTA also purchased 6 guitars for music classes and continued to fund transport for class trips; the Read, Write Inc subscription and the P7 leavers gifts among other things.

## PTA Annual General Meeting

### Monday 2nd September, 7pm, Pencaitland Primary School (Staff Room)

If you are interested in getting involved as a PTA member or even if you would simply like to find out more about our plans for this year, we would encourage you to come along. We also welcome parents new to the school, in fact a few of us (myself included) joined the PTA last year as new P1 parents. It's a great way to meet people, get to know the school and have an impact on fundraising that will benefit your children for the whole of their time in Pencaitland Primary School.

If you can't make the meeting but are interested in getting involved or finding out more, please send us an email - [ppspta1@gmail.com](mailto:ppspta1@gmail.com).

## Keeping you informed

This year we will improve how we keep you up to date with PTA activities. We will send out regular newsletters containing information on upcoming events; and in addition to our PTA facebook page, we will ensure all information is published on the school webpage (see bottom of newsletter).

# How can you help?

## Fundraising

We always welcome any offers of help and you don't have to be a PTA member to get involved. We are always on the lookout for volunteers to support our events, in particular the Winton Run and the Spring Fayre. We will send out information nearer the time about how you can help. If you have any ideas for new fundraising initiatives, then please get in touch and we will help in any way we can.

## School Lottery

A really easy way to support the school is by joining the School Lottery. For £1 per week you will be entered into a draw where someone in the local community is guaranteed to win a small prize of around £15. The prize will increase if more people join so please encourage family and friends to sign up too! There is also a weekly national jackpot of £25,000 and other prizes each month. Most importantly the lottery raises over £1000 a year for the school so your continued support is very much appreciated.

To join, visit: [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for Pencaitland Primary School

## Donations

We hold two raffles per year that take place during the November Pub Quiz and the May Spring Fayre. This is a great fundraiser for the school and we receive some very generous donations from local businesses and talented individuals. If you are able to donate a raffle prize or have connections with any local businesses who may be willing to support us, I would be delighted to hear from you (please email me on: [ppspta1@gmail.com](mailto:ppspta1@gmail.com)).

We are also keen to hear from any local businesses who wish to advertise in the Pencaitland School Calendar. This is a great way to get your name into a substantial number of homes and to demonstrate support for a local school.

## Our calendar of events/activities

We hope you will come along and enjoy our regular events. Specific dates and further information will be circulated nearer the time.

October (TBC)	Pub Quiz, Pencaitland Bowling Club
December	Christmas Cards and School Calendar
February (TBC)	Kids' Disco
Saturday 28 March	Winton Run
Saturday 30th May	Spring Fayre

We know that throughout the year we ask a lot but your continued support is vital to ensure that much needed funds are raised to benefit our wonderful school.

Best wishes,

Vicky Swann  
PTA Chair (and P2 Mum)

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