

THURSTONLAND FIRST SCHOOL PTA NEWS

Autumn Term 2018

A big **WELCOME** to all new parents and a big **THANK YOU** to you all for your support last term; helping us to raise much needed funds for our school.

If you'd like to know more about the PTA please just grab one of us for a chat, or come along to a meeting. We are a friendly bunch and we welcome all fundraising ideas and volunteers.

PTA AGM

Monday 8th October, 3.30pm at School.

What we raised last term:

- Your School Lottery £331
- Easy Fundraising £246
- School Sleepover £315
- Tea and Cake in the school garden £214
- Body Shop Evening £167
- Starlight Collection £36
- Tuck Shop £42

What we used PTA funds for last term

- We spent over £1800 on updating and replacing books and curriculum resources in all the classrooms (because there's no budget to do this otherwise!)
- Bought Leavers Hoodies for our Year 5 pupils £135
- Paid for a welcome picnic for reception children £25
- We provided each new starter in reception with a book bag £25

Why bother with the PTA?

Simply put... so we can provide our children with the things they both need and deserve; that the school budget can't provide.

As busy parents ourselves it's a constant struggle to find time to plan and organise fundraisers to try and put some "money in the pot" to just pay for things our children need, so any support we get really is appreciated.

Basically, as our school budget is cut yet again there is no money in the pot for the basics sometimes, like replacing a broken smartboard, let alone the nice little extras we want our children to experience, like Art and Music Days for example.

A big **THANK YOU** to you for supporting your PTA so we can provide our children with the things they both need and deserve; it really is greatly appreciated.

Autumn Term Fundraising Events



Starlight Childrens Foundation

Textile Recycling Collection

Friday 21st September ~ 9am

Drop your bags of unwanted clothing off at 9am at school... The PTA receive money based on weight collected.

Wigs n Wellies

Tuesday 23rd October ~

6.30pm to 7.30pm



An organised (often muddy!) sponsored walk around the village and across the field; leaving the school playground at 6.30pm. Wear your brightest accessories (wigs, glo-sticks, whatever..) then back to school where you can buy a warm supper.

Christmas Fair

Friday 23rd November ~ 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Festive Family Fun...snowball toss, pudding splat, pick a lolly, crafts, refreshments...bring along your cousins, friends, family, neighbours!.





Movie Night

Arthur Christmas

Wednesday 5th December

3.30pm to 5.45pm

£6 per child (2+ children in family £5 a child)

Includes Hotdog, Drink & Treats

Return money, in an envelope, to the office marked "Movie Night" and your child's name. (Hurry! Spaces are limited)

Reindeer Run

Sunday 9th December (tbc)

A fun run around Thurstonland Village. Don your Christmas

tops, antlers or turkey hats and run (or walk) a mile and a half round the village...further details to follow



Nativity Refreshments & Raffle

Confirmation of date to follow.

End of Term Tuck Shop

Fri 21st December



Other ways we are raising money on a daily basis....

Easy Fundraising

This really is easy fundraising!! All you have to do is log on to

www.easyfundraising.org

everytime you are about to shop online. Simply type in where you want to shop (e.g Amazon, John Lewis, Next, booking.com) and it will take you to that website and automatically send a percentage (usually 1% - 2.5%) of your total order value directly into the PTA bank account.



School Lottery

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

You can register on line and play for £1 a week. Someone from school wins every week (prize fund depends on how many play) Not only that, 40% of the money that's played comes back into the school PTA account. In addition to this everyone who plays, nationally, is entered into a weekly £25,000 prize draw too!



Do you have any questions? Any fundraising ideas?

Speak to your PTA...we're a friendly bunch!

We also have a facebook group

[@ThurstonlandFirstSchoolPTA](#)



Your current PTA

Kate Norris (Chair) Rec/Yr 1 Teacher

Kate Smitheram (Vice Chair) Mum of Annabella Yr 4

Sadie Robertson (Treasurer) Mum of Luke Yr 4

Janine Channon (Secretary) Mum of Arlo Yr 4

Camilla Langrick (Committee) Mum of Cece Yr 4

Emma Hanks (Committee) Mum of Lucca Yr 3 & Esme Rec

We are always looking for volunteers and those who can take on official roles in the future as parents leave; please come along to a meeting or speak to us if you're interested. As you will see most of us have children that have left the school and our youngest is in Year 4 so we will be hanging up our PTA hats soon....new members and new ideas needed x

NB Although not part of the PTA Fundraising, school do also support Children In Need and The Welcome Centre during the Autumn Term. Details to follow.