

Longsands PTFA Newsletter

January – April 2019

Happy New Year!

We hope that everyone has had a great festive break and is looking forward to the start of a new year.

Special Thanks

The PTFA would like to give a special thanks to the following people who either helped behind the scenes for a particular event, or helped by organising or donating for our raffle:

Mrs Wadi & Mrs Clark – Silver Tube Challenge
Mrs Wilds, Mrs Mason, Mrs Spalding & Ellie Forde's Grandma – Christmas Raffle

Also, thanks to Mrs Wadi and Ava Ellington's mum for their kind donations to our future raffle/fundraising events.

As Chair, I would like to thank those on the PTFA committee who helped with the events over the last few months, too. It truly is a team effort when fundraising events are run.

Match Funding Explained

In this newsletter we've supplied more detailed information to explain match funding. If it is successfully done, it is a very good way of winning money for PTFA funds.

Can you help?

We are always looking for help at our events. Even if it's just fifteen minutes to help sell raffle tickets at our Christmas performance, or man a stall for an hour at our Summer Fair. If we have enough volunteers, then we could set up a parent rota, which means you may only need to pick one event to help at in the whole academic year.

Get in touch with us at:

LongsandsPTFA@gmail.com

Our Facebook page [Longsands PTFA](#)

Or on our dedicated PTFA section on the school's website.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 18 th January 2019	Today we collected your kind chocolate and sweet donations
Monday 21 st January 2019	PTFA Family Bingo Night tickets go on sale
Friday 8 th February 2019	PTFA Family Bingo Night, Lonsdale Club, Fulwood 7pm
Friday 29 th March 2019	The Silver Tube Challenge finishes – who will win?!
Friday 5 th April 2019	Easter Raffle

WE NEED SOME BINGO CALLERS!

**WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO CALL OUT NUMBERS FOR OUR BINGO GAMES?
PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE AND WILLING**

GET EVERYONE'S EYES DOWN FOR 'SWEET SIXTEEN' AND 'TWO LITTLE DUCKS'?!

What we've been up to

November - December 2018

Christmas Raffle

The children did great Christmas performances this year and because of your generous support, we managed to raise £710 over our four raffles.

Christmas Party

Each class received a box of sweets from the PTFA for their Christmas celebrations. We also funded the Christmas entertainment for the children.

The Longsands PTFA Silver Change Tube Challenge

At the end of term, **Friday 21st December 2018**, the race began to see which class could collect the most money in total. Each child has been challenged to collect as much silver change as they can in their sweetie tube, which we gave out as a Christmas gift. Not long until counting day (**Friday 29th March 2019**)! On return of their filled tube, the child can receive an Easter treat.

What's happening now

January – April 2019

Family Bingo Night

The Lonsdale Club will host our family bingo night on **Friday 8th February 2019**. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Tickets will go **on sale** on **Monday 21st January 2019**. The **slip to fill in** is available with **the link**, on the **school's website** or from the **school office**. Please can you put the **slip and payment in an envelope (cash only, sorry no cheques taken)** and post it through the **PTFA letter box beside the school office**. Your tickets will then be allocated and the slip returned to you as proof of purchase and entry into the event. Tickets are allocated on a first come, first served basis, so don't delay! There are only 110 tickets. Please see our poster for more information.

Easter Raffle

Our Easter raffle was not as popular last year, but we still wanted to run it because the children love the prizes. So, our Easter raffle will take place on **Friday 5th April 2019**, bring drawn in school in the afternoon. Tickets will go on sale about a month before, so watch out for more details.

What's coming up/ongoing

Summer 2019

Book Donation Project

An idea has been put forward for teachers to make a 'wish list' of books to see if any parents/grandparents/carers could donate them to school. They can be new or second-hand in good condition. We have already some parents and grandparents kindly donate some books in already. Watch out for details.

Fun Family Event – End of Term

Thank you to all those who took part in our poll on Facebook regarding an end of term event celebration. Unfortunately, this year, due to difficulty securing a venue, we will not be able to host a big family event at the end of term in July. However, there is still our annual **Summer Fair** which will see lots of prizes and fun to be had! And look out for new events towards the end of the year!

Second-hand School Uniforms

Throughout the year, the PTFA run a second-hand school uniform rail where all uniform items are £1. If you wish to purchase anything, please see one of the PTFA committee members.

AUDITOR REQUEST

Would you, or would you know, of anyone who could spare a little bit of time to audit our PTFA accounts? It would be best suited to someone with financial knowledge or who has handled any kind of accounts. Please get in touch with the PTFA if you can help, we would really appreciate it.

Match Funding Explained

What is it?

If the PTFA hold an event, for example, the Summer Fair, and it makes £1,000, it can try and find a company that will match that same amount, or provide a partial amount, like it's a 'reward' for raising the money.

With the PTFA being a registered charity, we can apply to any company that provides a match funding opportunity.

When can we apply?

It is retrospective, so you can only apply for match funding once you have hosted your event and know the amount that you have raised.

Who do we apply to?

Big companies, such as banks and insurance companies, are the main companies who may offer the match funding service. However, with the economy not so booming at the minute, many companies have stopped offering match funding opportunities.

How do we apply?

The only thing it involves is filling out a form and then waiting. You also have more of a chance of receiving match funding if the person filling out the form is an employee of the company being applied to. It demonstrates a direct relationship with the school, and hence the PTFA.

So, do you know if your company offers match funding opportunities?

The PTFA would love to hear from you if they do, especially since we have a few of our larger fundraising events coming up.

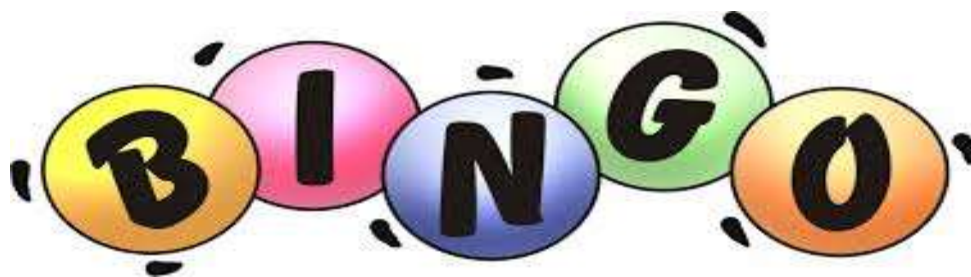
Match funding is an excellent way of making some more money with not too much more effort after the big event!

Thanks for reading,

Lesley Cooper

PTFA Chair

LONGSANDS PTFA'S FUN NIGHT OF



FRIDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2019

Lonsdale Club, Fulwood Hall Lane, Fulwood

6.30pm doors open, 7pm eyes down!

Family Ticket: £10 (2 adults, 2 children)

Adult Ticket: £4

Child Ticket: £2

Only 110 tickets so it's first come, first served!

Price includes pie & pea supper
and a free game of 'quick' bingo for the children

There are also a few guessing games as well!



Dear Parent/Guardian,

PTFA Fundraising Family Bingo Night with Pie & Pea Supper

Please come and join us for a night of family fun!

When: **Friday 8th February 2019**
Where: **Lonsdale Club, Fulwood Hall Lane, Fulwood, PR2 8DB**
Time: **6.30pm doors open, 7pm eyes down**

Tickets include supper and a child's free game of 'quick' bingo.

Family Ticket: £10 (2 adults and 2 children)
Adult Ticket: £4
Child Ticket: £2

Places are limited with only 110 tickets available. Tickets are given on a **first come, first served** basis.

If you would like to come, please complete the slip below, put it in an envelope with the correct money (**cash only** please, no cheques) and post it through the PTFA's post box beside the school office. Your slip will be returned to you as proof of purchase and entry into the event.

Please **remember to bring your ticket** with you because that will also have your supper number on it, and let's you remember what you've ordered!

A child's free game of 'quick bingo' will start the night off, and anyone can have a go at the guessing games, too.

Don't forget your dabbers!!

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Return Slip

Child's Name

Child's Class

Names Attending

Type of Ticket	Number Required
Family (£10)	<input type="text"/>
Adult (£4)	<input type="text"/>
Child (£2)	<input type="text"/>

Type of Pie	Number Required
Meat & Potato	<input type="text"/>
Butter	<input type="text"/>
Sausage Roll	<input type="text"/>

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Number of Kids Quick Bingo Tickets	<input type="text"/>	TICKET SUPPER NUMBER	<input type="text"/>