



Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

P.T.F.A - Spring Term 2018 - NEWSLETTER

Chairman: Mona Kvanka

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What is the PTFA?

The PTFA is often best known for **fundraising** but we also have a valuable social function by encouraging **closer links between home and school**. Fundraising events provide an opportunity for parents, staff and pupils to get together. All parents with children at Great Whelnetham School are members of the **Parents Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)**. We are grateful to our enthusiastic committee of parents who have stepped up to meet regularly throughout the school year to share ideas and organise events to raise valued funds for our children.

What have we raised so far?

Thanks to our fantastic volunteers and your support the PTFA festive events raised lots of pennies - hoorah!

- By coming along to the Christmas fair you raised over £750
- By getting groovy at the disco and scoffing a few hotdogs you made over £200
- By buying Christmas gifts at the parents stall you contributed almost £300

This all tots up to **over £1250 profit so far this school year** which will go straight back into resources and equipment at the school.



What is our target for fundraising this year?

This year we want to help raise funds towards new IT equipment and to freshen up the school premises, as well as updating resources in classrooms to enhance learning opportunities for our children. We'd love to hear from you about how you'd like to see the money that you've raised invested back into the school- maybe your child has mentioned something they'd really like to do at school – *why not come along to our next meeting, or catch up with us in the hall at parents evening to share your thoughts?*



What is planned for the year ahead?

Mona, Lotty and Lucy are delighted to have secured regular support from a team of parent committee members and with your help we have lots of ideas for making even more money in 2018! We are holding a **Fundraising Ideas Brainstorming Workshop on Tuesday 27th February 2-3pm at school**. *Why not come along and pitch your ideas to us...or share your thoughts via our Great Whelnetham CEVC School P.T.F.A.*

FaceBook page or email the PTFA via gtwhelnethamschool@googlemail.com. No idea is a bad idea if it can make money for the school...but we'll need your help to put it into action!

Our next fundraising event is 🐣🐣🐣 **Easter Bingo on Friday 23rd March from 6pm at the Community Centre** 🐣🐣🐣. This family friendly evening is lots of fun so look out for more details about how to order your tickets in bookbags in the next couple of weeks! As prizes for this event, we ask for each child to donate a chocolate Easter egg by bringing it into school on Sports Relief Day on Friday 16th March – the more eggs you donate, the more prizes we'll have so please don't forget to add them to your shopping list!



As well as raising money this year we are also keen to harness your support to freshen up the school premises. Look out for more details about our **new 'Can do' Board initiative** which will aim to match practical skills from parent volunteers with odd jobs that need updating around the school to make the learning environment even better for our children on an ongoing basis. Mrs Parkin and her team have a long 'to do' list so we'd love to help them tick some of it off this year!