

# PTA Newsletter

Welcome to the latest edition of our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) newsletter. We have quite a few updates since our July newsletter.

## **ABOUT THE PTA**

The AGM was held in October and it was great to welcome new members. We nominated this year's committee and agreed our fundraising goal for this year.

# **Current PTA active members**

Lynne Thompson (Chair) Y1

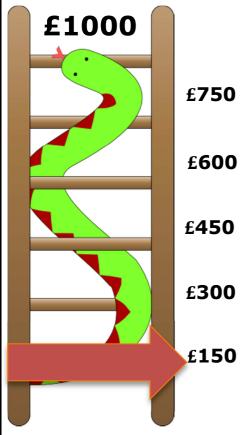
Maxine Wilkinson (Secretary) Y3

Tracy Comerford (Treasurer) Y1

Kelly Oswin (Vice Chair) Y1 Tahlia Roddam (Vice Sec.) Y2

Carolyn Dodds (Vice Treasurer) R

Charlotte Wade (Y1), Beth Blenkinsop (Y4), Amy Hodgson (R), Caroline Binks (R)
Mrs Gill



# **HELP US TO ACHIEVE OUR TARGET!**

This year we are aiming to raise £1000 to fund a giant snakes and ladders / chessboard game. This would be located in the 'quiet' playground at the front of the school and would be available for all children in the school to use.

We are already making good progress towards this as the Non Uniform day in October raised £150.

You can also help contribute towards this target with your online shopping and the <u>EASY FUNDRAISING</u> website.

We will also be holding our annual **Christmas Hamper Raffle** in the last week of term, which this year will include some fantastic additional prizes! Keep an eye out for further flyers.

#### **EASY FUNDRAISING**

This year Escomb Primary School PTA have found a great way to raise money for free, simply by shopping online through a website called easyfundraising (www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

Whenever you buy anything online (e.g. Christmas presents, groceries, clothes, books, train tickets, hotel rooms, etc.) you can raise a free donation for Escomb Primary School PTA. There are over 2,700 retailers registered with the site, including Amazon, Smyth's, Next, M&S, eBay and Tesco who will donate a percentage of what you spend to Escomb Primary School PTA to say thank you for shopping with them. Here's how it works:

- 1. Sign up go to http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/escombpta and click on the button to sign up.
- 2. Shop from the easyfundraising website, search for the retailer you'd like to shop with and click through to the retailer to make your purchase. This tells the retailer you came from easyfundraising. The price is exactly the same as if you'd visited the retailer directly.
- 3. Get a donation after you've made your purchase, the retailer will give you a cash reward that easyfundraising turn into a donation for Escomb Primary School PTA.

Please be assured that using the easyfundraising website will not cost you a penny. Your personal details remain confidential. There are no catches or hidden charges and Escomb Primary School PTA benefit from any donations you make once registered.

Already registered? Spread the word to family and friends to let them know just how easy it is!

# **Other News**

School Sports Day – The Tombola, sales of tea towels and drinks at the sports day in July raised £130, which was used for the Year 6 leavers' gift and party.

#### Reminder

Please check if your employers would be willing to participate in a gift-matching scheme, it's quite common now and could double any funds raised. (If this is the case, please get in touch with the PTA.)

#### Dates for your diary

Next PTA meeting - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. 6.30 PM @ The Masons Arms Pub

Xmas Disco – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6.00 till 8.00 PM in the School Hall

## **Contact the PTA**

If you can't attend meetings but have an idea, question, or can offer some support, please catch one of us in the playground, or e-mail us at <a href="mailto:escombpta@qmail.com">escombpta@qmail.com</a>

**THANK YOU** for your continued support and generous contributions.

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