



Stapleford Community Primary School PTA Newsletter March 2018

We hope you're all well and ready for the Easter break!

Before we start thinking of holidays, we have our school disco to look forward to this Friday 23rd March! KS1 is 5 - 6 pm, with 1 adult per child and KS2 6:30 pm - 8 pm with 1 adult for 4 children. We look forward to seeing you and your children on the dancefloor.



Since our last newsletter in November, when we reported a whopping £4.5k being raised for the school during the academic year 17/18, we had our annual pub quiz which raised over £800. We'd like to once again thank the Dawe family for running the quiz for the school all these years and thanks to the Sparrow family for taking over from next year!



Upcoming PTA Events & Fundraisers

NEW!!! Mathathon- April

We have something new for the children to look at over the holidays: "Mathathon" - a sponsored maths challenge for all ages - more details will be sent out at the end of term. Mathletics has been used effectively across the school and this has been fantastic use of PTA money raised by everyone!

NEW!!! The Big Bounce - Friday 27th April

This is open to everyone not just Stapleford pupils so please spread the word, tell friends to come to our fabulous school and enjoy a Friday night bouncing on inflatables, relaxing at the bar or simply enjoying the fresh wood fired pizza on sale from [DOUGH&co!](#) This event starts immediately after school on that Friday and this will be open for everyone until 8 pm, yes, parents can take part too! Wristbands are on sale at £5 per person in the front/back playgrounds or email eleanorwaters01@gmail.com

Stapleford Fun Run - Sunday 10th June

There is still plenty of time to get training for this event... get the whole family involved or simply take time for yourself and get "beach ready"! Look out for posters soon about how to register for

your place and bookmark the [website](#) which should be open for registrations later this month.

Summer fete - Saturday 7th July

Some of the parents have met to discuss the fete earlier this month and decided on the theme, which this year will be “**Great British Summer**”... judging by the weather so far this year, this could be apt! But let's hope not and that the rain holds off so that we can all enjoy the day and help raise money for our school. If you have ideas, want to get involved in running a stall or participate in any other way, please get in touch!



Changes in the PTA committee

Our PTA secretary Clare Smyth has decided to step down after 3 years on the committee and Steph Swain has kindly taken on the role.

We'd like to thank Clare for all her hard work as secretary but also as a volunteer having supported and taken an active role in most of our PTA events. We'd also like to thank Steph for stepping in!

Easyfundraising

Whilst we've not had more supporters sign up since our last newsletter, we're delighted to say that a lot of our existing supporters have been using the app on a regular basis and have helped raise a record amount of money last quarter. Watch out for a [Facebook](#) post soon with the total amount raised from October to December, including gift aid!

Remember to use [Easyfundraising](#) for your online purchases, especially the big ticket items like holidays! You can also use it to buy your weekly take away, like a Domino's pizza for example!

You can register to the cause [here](#)

How are the children benefiting from PTA funds & could we get together to spruce up the playgrounds?

You may be wondering what is happening with all the PTA funds raised so far.

Mrs Spain does have plans in place for the playgrounds; you will have noticed that the old tree by the pool area in the back playground has been removed. Both playgrounds will be resurfaced and new play equipment/features will be added as soon as possible. However, there have been various delays to this improvement - poor weather, tree root removal, waiting for quotes from several companies.

Many of you have expressed an interest in updating our playgrounds and the school's general appearance. We suggest **Saturday 12th May 12 - 5 pm** as a day for anyone who is willing to volunteer their time/skills to help spruce up the school. Please email the PTA or contact Mrs Spain directly and let us know if you're happy to pick up a paintbrush, if you or your work can donate materials/help build something for the children or help with an overall clean up of the school. Thank you in advance!

That's it from us for now! Please [follow us on Facebook](#) for PTA and school updates.

You can send us your comments, questions, and ideas to StaplefordPTA@hotmail.com

The 2017/2018 PTA committee: Eleanor Waters and Caroline Russo - Co-Chairs, Jenny Rush - Treasurer, Steph Swain - Secretary, Heather Crossan, Vicky Linzell, Katharine Percival, Helen Zenner, Natasha Hincks, Debby Jepps.

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