



## Stapleford Community Primary School PTA Newsletter

October 2017

Thank you to everyone who could make it to the PTA AGM last Friday and thanks to the new members who signed up to be on the committee for 2017/2018.

The minutes from the AGM can be found here, if you're in a hurry, here are the highlights:

- Events ran last year made a profit of £10,800
- The money raised will go towards new headphones, furniture, coach to panto, cooking cupboard and equipment, and if funds allow, re-surfacing of the playground by the pool and outdoor furniture, or re-surfacing the infant playground.
- The 2017/2018 committee: Eleanor Waters and Caroline Russo - voted in as Co-Chairs, Jenny Rush - Treasurer, Clare Smyth - Secretary, Heather Crossan, Natasha Hincks, Vicky Linzell, Katharine Percival and Helen Zenner.

We do recognise that people may have been unable to attend due to work commitments or looking after younger children, so if you couldn't make it and wish to join as a general member, please let us know as the more the merrier!

### Can your company support the school?

As this new school year starts, we wanted to make a general appeal to anyone who is working for a company that might be able to help support the school. This may be through donations or any old stock/products they may have lying around that would benefit our children i.e. Books, iPads or any tech equipment etc? It could also be items or food to sell at our many events.

If you have any fundraising ideas, then please [email us](#) to discuss them or even better, feel free to organise your own event to help raise a record amount for the PTA this year!

### Upcoming PTA Events

**Early Halloween Disco:** the disco will take place on 20 October, just before half term. This will be Fancy dress if you're feeling brave enough! We'll be looking for volunteers to chaperone the children as the disco can only go ahead with several adults present. Please [email us](#) if you can supervise!

**Bonfire Bake Off:** this is where you and your children can showcase your amazing baking skills! This will take place after half term, so there is still a bit of time to think about your masterpiece, maybe you can take some inspiration from the Great British Bake off!



**Stapleford Christmas Gift Fair:** although it seems way too early to mention the dreaded “C” word, plans are afoot for the Gift Fair, which will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November. This is a great chance to stock up on some unique presents or simply enjoy a relaxing cuppa and cake in the café. The children will also be treated to a visit from [“Fitz and Will, the Cambridge Cats”](#) among other fun attractions on the day.

We would be most grateful if you could start to collect and donate empty, clean four-pint plastic milk cartons with lids which will be used for a project for the Fair. Please leave them at the school office in the designated box.



If you would like to have a stall at the Gift Fair, we have a special rate of £25 for staff and parents with a half stall option, please email us for more information:

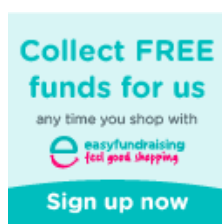
[staplefordcraftfair@hotmail.com](mailto:staplefordcraftfair@hotmail.com)

If you are crafty and would like to donate hand-crafted items for us to sell, we'll be delighted to take them as we plan to have a PTA craft table selling our own handmade items.

Please follow the Fair's Facebook page for regular updates on what we have in store:

<https://www.facebook.com/StaplefordChristmasGiftFair/>

## Easy Fundraising Challenge!



You may or may not know that we have signed up to [Easy Fundraising](#), an app that allows us to get money every time you shop with specific retailers like Amazon, Next and Mothercare to name just a few. To date, we've raised £1,940 using the app, which has probably been the easiest way for us to raise funds.

We'd love for more people to sign up to this app, either new parents/carers at the school, parents/carers who haven't got around to doing so yet or were previously raising funds for Sunnyside (to change your cause to the PTA, [click here](#)), or your friends and family who you know regularly shop online.

We currently have **64 supporters** signed up to the cause, we'd like to extend the challenge of getting **10 more supporters** signed before half term and if we manage, the PTA will donate one glow stick per child at the disco, so spread the word and let's get more new supporters so we can make the most of the Christmas shopping season!

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

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](mailto:StaplefordPTA@hotmail.com)

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