



Dolphinhholme CE Primary School PTFA

Dear All,

Firstly, a warm welcome to all new families to the school. As a parent/guardian, you are automatically a member of the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association. We have a Facebook page (Dolphinhholme PTFA) which you may wish to follow - although it is a little quiet at the moment!

We usually organise a number of events throughout the year. These raise money to support the children's education, through providing extra materials for the classrooms and trips and school visits, but also (and equally importantly!) give us a chance to get together and have some fun. The PTFA usually give class teachers £10 per child to spend on additional supplies but have increased that to £15 this term, given that we are not using funds for theatre visits or coaches.

We're really sorry that with the current restrictions we won't be able to organise any events for parents and children for the foreseeable future. I know we will all miss them, and the chance to get to know new families.

One way we can continue fundraising is with easyfundraising. Shopping through the easyfundraising app and website (www.easyfundraising.org.uk) is a really simple and quick way to raise money for the school. It's very easy to set up an account and once you've registered many retailers, as well as other companies such as insurance and energy providers, give a percentage of what you spend back to the school. We've raised £404.43 for the school so far, so please do sign up if you haven't and remember to shop through the app/website!

There is also a Dolphinhholme School PTFA – Bring & Buy Group page on Facebook which you can use to buy or sell secondhand items, often offered in return for a small donation to the PTFA.

We also wanted to update you on the Spring Raffle, which we had to cancel, along with the Spring Fair, at the end of the Spring Term. We are now planning to hold a Christmas Raffle jointly with St Marks Church. If you bought tickets for the Spring Raffle, or sold them to friends or relatives, we will replace these with entries into the Christmas Raffle. We have the stubs that were sent back into school in the Spring so you don't need to do anything. The main prize will still be the reconditioned iPhone 7 Plus donated by Mazuma Mobile, as well as lots of other lovely prizes. We have all the prizes that were donated for the Spring Raffle, but if anyone has anything else they would like to donate or ideas for prizes please do let us know.

We are also looking into fundraising through Christmas Cards designed by the children and will be in touch again about that.

The PTFA is also looking for a new Treasurer. The current Treasurer, Judith Hayhurst, is stepping down after 3 years in the role and many more years supporting the school as a Governor. If you would be interested in taking up this post or would like a chat about what it involves please do let one of us know.

Best wishes,

Sarah Rose (Chair), Cath Morley (Vice-Chair) and Jenny Worthington (Secretary)