



Stretford Grammar School

# PTA Newsletter

December 2017

## Fundraising Update

At our AGM, held in October, it was agreed that the next fundraising initiative would be to work on the boys' and girls' toilets in the main building, making them unisex and having a more open plan / safer area for washing hands etc. and creating a more functional area with privacy. Mr Mullins has had plans drawn up and the estimated costs will be in the region of £20,000.

Since the start of the school year, we have held two great events - our annual Food Festival and our Christmas Craft and Table Top Fair - and one very popular **raffle for Sergio Agüero's signed boots!** They were all very successful and we would like to thank you all for helping us raise vital funds. We would particularly like to thank those who attended our events or helped us prepare for them including making food, selling raffle tickets or volunteering on the day. We really do appreciate all your help and support.

Our **Food Festival** was a great opportunity for parents, especially new parents to the school, to meet each other or just to catch up. The event has a real 'community' feel to it and we received some lovely comments from parents and children who just loved trying all the different foods available, from all over the world! We raised an amazing **£517** from this event!

Holding our **Christmas Table Top and Craft Fair** at the end of November was a lovely start to the festive period and we are pleased to say also made a very respectable profit of **£1,096** (£409 of this was from the Agüero boots raffle!!). Again, we received some very nice comments from parents and the community about the event and the stalls. The food stalls also went down well, particularly the delicious homemade cakes with the children!

A big thank you goes to all our cooks and bakers at these two events – you really are amazing!

Our **Bags to School** fundraising activity was also very successful, adding an extra **£152** to the PTA funds! Thank you to everybody who brought in filled bags.

We have just handed a £5,000 cheque to the School, from the PTA bank account, which will go towards the new toilets and we hope to present another cheque later in the school year, after our next two events have taken place.



## Easyfundraising

It's so easy ..... please give it a go!!

Help us by collecting **FREE donations every time you shop online.**

With Christmas so close, why not help support our PTA by shopping online via [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk).

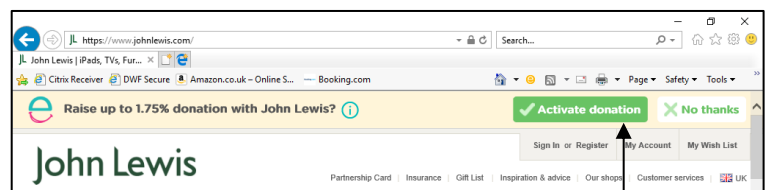
We receive free donations for our PTA every time you buy online from over 3,000 shops and sites including Amazon, Debenhams, eBay, Argos, Next, Travelodge, Thomas Cook, John Lewis, Sainsburys, Virgin Trains and Aviva. We can receive donations on everything from your weekly shop to your annual holiday and it doesn't cost you anything! We even receive an extra 50p when you raise your first donation.

### Follow these easy steps...

1. Head to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)
2. Click on **Join now** - choose **Stretford Grammar PTA** and click on **Join us**
3. Create an account and choose to **Get the donation reminder**. This donation reminder will ask to be installed - please click **Allow** and then **Install**. Now, every time you go on a website which donates to easyfundraising, you will see an **Activate donation** button in the top right corner of that website - click on it and if you buy anything from that website, we will receive a donation).
4. You are now ready to start collecting donations for Stretford Grammar PTA. Thank you so much, we told you it was easy!

### Did you know

that the Stretford Grammar Easyfundraising account only has 42 people registered to it, yet has raised nearly £1,500 for the school! Can you imagine what we could raise each year if we had 400 people registered!





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## We need you ...

**Your time** Can you spare any time to help out before or at one of our events? We usually need between 10-30 volunteers, depending upon the type of event. Are you able to offer a little of your time to help out on a stall or serve tea and cake? Ideally, we would like to have enough volunteers, so each person only needs to help out for 30 minutes and is then able to enjoy the event with their family and friends. Without parental support (mums, dads, grandparents), we can sometimes find ourselves at risk of not being able to offer all the activities and stalls we would like to. If you would like to help out for 30 minutes at one of our events in the future, please email [fiona.johnson1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fiona.johnson1@hotmail.co.uk) and we will get in touch with you before an event to ask if you are available. If you would like to volunteer to help with a friend, please let us know and we can ensure you are both placed on the same stall or activity at the event.

**Raffle prizes needed** Does anybody have a business or know of anybody who has a business, who would be willing to donate a prize to the raffles we hold at all our events? We would be very grateful to receive any donations of suitable prizes. If you are able to help, please email [fiona.johnson1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fiona.johnson1@hotmail.co.uk).



Food Festival



## Pamper Evening

**Friday 9 March 2018**  
7.00pm – 9.00pm

An exciting fundraising event where you can let your hair down and really pamper yourself! This is an event where families, friends and local business join to create an amazingly relaxing and pampering atmosphere. Last year, stallholders provided the opportunity for people to purchase a variety of beauty treatments from manicures to eyebrow shaping and indulge in Reiki and reflexology sessions, as well as trying on garments from the pop up boutique or the vintage clothing range. Stalls included some gorgeous products including bath bombs and handmade soaps and we hope to have the same next year and much more! Please watch out for further updates on this lovely event. You will also be able to sample savory Indian snacks and delicious homemade cakes. Tickets will be priced at £3 per adult and £2 per child (under 3's go free). If you would like to book a stall please contact Jane at [janeraiwell@ntlworld.com](mailto:janeraiwell@ntlworld.com).

## Stretford Grammar's PTA

Our PTA has been very active at Stretford Grammar since 2007. In that time, we have been able to enhance the children's education by refurbishing the school library, providing state of the art Computing and Technology equipment and supplying the specialist paraphernalia for every child to be able to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We work hard to raise money, but some of our events are also aimed at bringing the school community together: families, staff, students and the local neighbourhood. This makes us a strong and effective force for the benefit of all the children. As a parent, you are automatically part of the PTA. **Please feel welcome and support our work.**

## Cakes needed

At a number of our events, we also have a refreshments stall, where we sell tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes. We have a real shortage of bakers for our events and would be very grateful if anybody could bake a large cake or some small cakes for our stall. If you are able to do this, please email [fiona.johnson1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fiona.johnson1@hotmail.co.uk) and we will add you to our list of bakers who may be able to bake a cake for an event. If you are on the list but are unable to make a cake when we contact you, this is fine. It would just help us greatly to have a list of 'possible bakers' to contact.



## Save the date ...

**Sponsored Walk** (Macclesfield) – Sunday 17 June 2018 (look out for more details early next year)

