



### Fundraising Update

We held a new event earlier this year – a **Cake Sale**, held during the school day. Thank you so much to Fran Holker for organising the event and to all the wonderful parents out there for baking cakes. The Sale made a very respectable **£171!**

We held our annual **Pamper Evening** on 9 March and yet again, the event proved very popular, raising an amazing **£948!** The evening enabled families, friends and local business to join together to create a lovely relaxing and pampering atmosphere. Stallholders provided a variety of beauty treatments from manicures to eyebrow shaping to Shiatsu and Indian head massage. There was also a number of stalls to buy gifts from (or treat yourself!) such as chocolate treats, glass art, jewellery, cards, perfumes and much more. As usual, there were also delicious homemade cakes and savory Indian snacks available too. We would like to thank you all for helping us raise vital funds for the School. We would particularly like to thank our wonderful stall holders, those who attended the evening or helped us prepare for it including making food, donating prizes for our raffle and tombola or volunteering to help on a stall. We really do appreciate your support.

The week before Mothering Sunday, Suzy Mulhern kindly ran her **Mother's Day stall** again during the school day, selling cards and chocolates for children to buy. This raised the fantastic sum of **£115!**

Our **Bags to School** fundraising activity was also very successful, adding an extra **£100** to the PTA funds! Thank you to everybody who brought in filled bags.

**Uniform sales** and **easyfundraising** has also contributed **£402** to our funds since the beginning of the school year!

Including what was already in the PTA bank account, we now have just over **£3,000** to spend on additional resources. As mentioned in our December newsletter, we are currently fundraising to provide new boys and girls toilets in the main building, which would be unisex and have an open plan and safer area for washing hands etc. and overall 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. Work will commence on the new facilities during the summer holidays this year.



### Dates for your Diary

**Tesco Bag Packing** - Saturday 22 June 2019 (TBC) – Stretford

**PTA Meeting** - Wednesday 11 September 2019 6.30pm - School Library

**Food Festival** - Friday 4 October 2019 6.00pm - 8.00pm

**Own Clothes Day** - Friday 18 October 2019 - students to bring an item of chocolate for *Chocolate Bingo* prizes

**PTA AGM** - Wednesday 30 October 2019 6.30pm - School Library

**Chocolate Bingo** - Friday 15 November 2019 6.00pm - 8.00pm

### Uniform wanted

The New Parents Meeting takes place on Thursday 4 July and we would like to have a uniform stall again. If you have any good as new uniform which your child has outgrown, please hand it in at the School Reception.

**New parents** - if you would like to buy uniform on the night, please remember to bring your purse.



**Did you know**  
that the Stretford Grammar  
*easyfundraising* account only has 60  
people registered to it, yet has raised  
£2,086 for the school! Can you imagine  
what we could raise each year if we had  
400 people registered!

## Food Festival

**Friday 4 October 2019 6.00pm – 8.00pm**

Our **Food Festival** event is a great opportunity for parents, especially new parents to the school, to meet each other or just to catch up. The event had a real 'community' feel to it and we have received some great comments in the past, from parents and children, to say they loved trying all the different foods available, from all over the world, and some trying foods they had never seen or tasted before!

Tickets are priced at £5 per person but if a family brings a dish of food with them on the night, they get one ticket free. Look out for further details which will be sent out in early September. Tickets can be bought on the door.

## 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 our latest fundraising objective, 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.**

## Easyfundraising

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

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

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 **Search for a good cause** - choose **Stretford Grammar PTA** and click on **Support this cause**
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!

## 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.

**Skills request** There are only a handful of us who regularly attend PTA meetings and lead on our events and activities. We would like to bring new ideas to the table and ask if we have any talented parents out there who would like to suggest and lead on any new ideas for fundraising activities eg, sewing, crafts, cooking, baking, organising sporting events or anything else! The activity can be a stand alone activity eg, a lunchtime cake sale or be part of a larger event eg, a craft stall at one of our events. If you can help, we would be delighted to hear from you (please email [fiona.johnson1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fiona.johnson1@hotmail.co.uk) to let us know).

**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).

**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.