



Fundraising Update

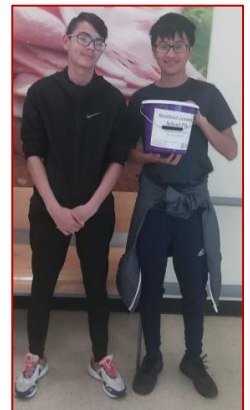
At our AGM, held in October, it was agreed that we would continue to raise funds for the new boys and girls toilets in the main building, which would be unisex and have an open plan and safer area for washing hands etc. and overall creating a more functional area with privacy. The estimated costs will be in the region of £20,000. PTA fundraising has raised £16,500 towards this to date. Since the start of the school year, we have held two great events - our annual Food Festival and a very exciting Chocolate Bingo night! They were both really 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 and baking cakes 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 **£620** from this event!

Holding our **Chocolate Bingo** night again at the end of November was a lovely start to the festive period and we are pleased to say made an amazing profit of **£1,912**. The excitement in the hall reached fever point at times and some families walked away with armfuls of chocolate, definitely enough to last them into the New Year! This event will be held again in 2020 as it is very popular – make sure you reserve your tickets early!

Our **Bags to School** fundraising activity, held in November, was also very successful, adding an extra **£160** to the PTA funds! Thank you to everybody who brought in filled bags.

Just missing out on featuring in our May newsletter, below you will also see some photos from our **Tesco Bag Pack**, held in June. Raising a fabulous **£518**, a huge thank you goes to all the children, parents and teachers who helped out on the day.



Dates for your Diary – 2020

PTA Meeting - Thursday 23 January - 6.30pm (School Library)

Cake Sale - Friday 21 February - 1.10pm - 1.50pm

Pamper Evening - Friday 20 March 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Cakes needed

At a number of our events, we also have a refreshments stall, where we sell tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes. If you have a passion for baking, we 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 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.





Did you know
that the Stretford Grammar
easyfundraising account only has 87
people registered to it, yet has raised
£2,196 for the school! Can you imagine
what we could raise each year if we had
400 people registered!

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 Debenhams, eBay, Argos, Next, Booking.com, ao.com, John Lewis, Sainsburys, Waitrose and Body Shop. 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
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!

Amazon Smile

Amazon no longer donates to Easyfundraising. They now have their own fundraising initiative called **Amazon Smile**. It works in a very similar way to *Easyfundraising* though, and our School will receive 0.5% of the purchase price.

Follow these easy steps to get started ...

1. Head to www.smile.amazon.co.uk
2. Click on **Get started** – search for **Stretford Grammar School Pta** and click on **Select**
3. Tick the box next to **Yes, I understand that I must always start at smile.amazon.co.uk to support Stretford Grammar School Pta**.
4. Click on **Start Shopping** and shop away ...

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.**

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 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.