



EGGINTON PRIMARY PTA

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2017

What has our PTA been doing?



What have we raised money for?

Members of the PTA have been busy raising funds for a variety of things this year, as well as taking the opportunity to socialise with other school families and become involved with general school life.



In the last few years PTA funds have bought big items such as play tables for the playground, blinds for the eagles classroom, books for the library and noticeboards for the corridor.



We have also spent money on the 'nice little things' such as fruit for KS2, the Christmas party and presents from Santa, a circus skills workshop, ties for year 6 and many small pieces of equipment to enhance school life. Funds have also been used to subsidise school trips to keep the costs low for parents.

How have we raised funds?

We hold many events throughout the year to raise funds but also promote social activities within the school. Our biggest event is the Christmas Fayre and raffle which raises nearly £2000. Our friendliest event is 'Soup and Pancakes' which brings members of the village together and raises about £500 for funds. We contribute to the village fete and last year helped at the bonfire night, all for extra funds. We have also sold personalised calendars, bags and aprons which have come in useful for family Christmas presents

Who are we?

Every parent or carer of a child at the school is automatically a member of the PTA.

Our current committee is



Naomi Wilson - Co-chair (mum of Jacob In reception)



Lia Vine - Co-chair (Mum of Eve, Y2, and Erin, Rec)



Ros Farrow - Secretary (Mum of Lily, Y5 and Mia, Y2)



June Tweddle - Treasurer (Mum of Olivia, Y2 and Emma, Y1)

There are also many other regular attendees at meetings and contributors to PTA events. Everyone is welcome regardless how much or little they are able to contribute

Bonus Ball

Our bonus ball competition is a great way to contribute to PTA funds whilst being in with a chance of winning a prize. You pick a number and if that ball is picked as the bonus ball on Saturdays national lottery you win half the takings for that week. It is £1 per week or, by direct debit, £3.45 a month which is £45 a year.

Ask any of the committee members or in the school office for details.



Recycle with Michael

Did you know we have a clothing and textile bank in the school car park? Funds made from this are split between the school and the Salvation Army. A great way to recycle and contribute to PTA funds

Other ways you can help

Please take time to read the attached letter about the potential impact of the forthcoming cuts to school funding and see what you can do to help.

Forthcoming PTA Events

10th/11th June - Garden project, all help gratefully received

27th June - PTA meeting (all welcome) - 7pm at school

8th July - Egginton Village Fete - 2pm

9th July - Family Picnic in the Park - details tbc

11th July - Children's film night - details tbc

30th September - Murder Mystery Evening - details tbc

CONTACT US BY

- Catching one of the committee at school drop off or pick-up
- Talking to Mrs Pepper in the school office
- Messaging us on our Facebook page
- Email to eggintonpta@outlook.com



School Funding And The Impact On Your Child:

What You Need To Know.

Thousands of cash-strapped schools are set to lose further money from their budgets as a result of the government's new funding formula, together with an 8% per pupil cut by 2019-20 as part of the £3bn worth of cuts over the next three years*

Russell Hobby, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said the new formula was a step in the right direction towards a fairer national distribution of school funding but added that it would only work if there were sufficient funds in the first place.

Adrian Prandle, director of economic strategy at the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, said that "School budgets are already cut to the bone. Without additional funding, schools will struggle to recruit enough staff, many will have to cut staff, cut the subjects they teach, cut IT upgrades, increase class sizes, cut the maintenance of classrooms, cut extracurricular activities and charge parents for school concerts and plays."

Schools are turning to more unorthodox methods to fill their funding gaps with schools around the country asking for parents to pay for their child per term. This is not what we want to do here at Egginton Primary School; we believe there is an alternative.

How this effects your child / children at Egginton Primary School

We are yet to find out exactly what funding cuts we will face in Egginton, but we know from historical challenges that we already rely on parents to support their child / children in our school. So that we don't need to ask for direct contributions we will be relying even more heavily on fundraising activities.

Where have funds historically come from?

Most fundraising activity is carried out under the banner of the PTA (Parent-Teacher Association), a grand name for a bunch of parents who do whatever they can to raise funds to support the school. Why do they do it? Do they know something the average parent doesn't about the funding in Egginton Primary School? Well it turns out they do...

Why bother?

Egginton Primary School know that they would not be able to operate properly without raising funds. Yes, these funds go to support the 'niceties' - fruit at break-time, Santa visits, even new playground equipment, books for the library and a large proportion of the costs to cover school trips - but in the past PTA fundraisers have even contributed towards staffing costs and learning resources! That is how important fundraising already is and it can only become increasingly critical to the running of our school in light of the looming national school funding crisis.

How can you help?

Whilst we know the government is being confronted to address educational funding challenges, parents are not powerless to assist their school. We strongly believe that parents working in partnership with Egginton Primary School is the most positive way to raise money and secure the best educational experiences for our children.

So we will be asking you to join in, whether you are a full-time parent or a full or part-time worker. Any skill or time you can donate will make a visible difference and reduce the impact the UK's looming funding crisis will have on your child's education.

So please get involved - You can make a real difference!

More means more. *More* parents involved with their PTA means *more* fun events and therefore *more* money raised, benefitting your child's education and therefore their future opportunities.

There has never been a better or more important time to support the fundraising for Egginton Primary School through the Parent-Teacher Association.

What next?

A letter will follow shortly asking for your help to minimise the looming funding crisis in your child's education. Please get involved; now is the time.

* The Institute for Fiscal Studies shows that school spending per pupil is likely to fall by around 8% in real terms by 2019-20, the first drop since the mid-1990s. Today's National Audit Office report sets out that mainstream schools are expected to find £3bn in savings by 2019-20, echoing our own recent survey in which 69% of school leaders stated that they believe their deficits will be untenable by 2020.

Introduction courtesy of the Guardian Online 'Thousands of schools stand to lose out under new funding formula' - Sally Weale Education correspondent, Wednesday 14 December 2016 17.11 GMT