



Penwortham School Parent Teacher Association (the PTA) is an active part of the school life, organising events throughout the year to help raise money which is put towards enhancing and improving the school's equipment and resources. This Stop Press is a newsletter outlining all the events we have going on. Unless otherwise stated all proceeds from these events go to our School. The PTA is registered with the Charity Commission as 1124911.

### FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that the recent Quiz Night raised a **magnificent £750**. Congratulations to the winning team 'Tequila Mockingbird'. A big thanks to the parents behind this event - Trudy Mitchison, Hayley Cook, Alisi Mekatoa, Simon Magson and Nick Macdonald. Thanks also to Jess Layton and Bryn Cloke for working the bar and also to all the quizzers who stayed behind to help clear up afterwards.

Thanks also to Year 4 and other parents who baked, bought and sold cakes at the last Cake Sale, which raised a **fantastic £117**.

### BIG DAY OUT

Once again this year, we will have a stall at the popular Big Day Out, on Saturday 17th June, on the Furzedown Rec. We are still collecting tombola prizes on Friday mornings so please do have a look in your cupboards for any unwanted gifts. We will also need volunteers to help man the stall during the day, so please do get in touch if you can help on [penworthampta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:penworthampta@yahoo.co.uk) or via the rota on the PTA website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/penwortham>

### SCARECROW TRAIL

Penwortham families are busy at work, making the scarecrows for our forthcoming trail on Sunday 18th June. Trail maps will be on sale in the office from next week, or you will be able to buy one from our stall at the Big Day Out, or from outside Sprout Arts on the day. Maps cost just £3 and you can track down the scarecrows to be in with a chance of **winning £50!**

If you can spare an hour to help us on the stall outside Sprout on the day or bake cakes to sell, please do get in touch on [penworthampta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:penworthampta@yahoo.co.uk) or via the PTA website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/penwortham>

We would like to extend our thanks to this year's generous sponsors. Our main sponsor is Taylored Lofts and local businesses Cut the Mustard, Alan Coles Osteopathy, The Naked Loaf Pizzeria, Arif Malida Accountancy, Image London and ABC Ballet School have also kindly contributed. If you need a loft, coffee, massage, haircut, pizza, tax return or dance training, please do consider supporting these local businesses.

## COMPANY MATCH FUNDING SUCCESS

We recently put out a call asking if any parents worked for a company that offered match funding for PTA fundraising. Two parents got in touch - as a result, one insurance company will be match funding the children's disco proceeds with a **donation of £250** and we are hoping that a bank will match fund Summer Fair takings **up to £350**. What a great result! So if you work for a big company - supermarket, bank, insurance, trading, communications, utilities, pharmaceuticals etc. - then please do get in touch with us or talk to your HR/CSR department about the possibility of match funding.

## EASYFUNDRAISING

If you register with Easyfundraising then, every time you shop online, with hundreds of retailers, our PTA gets a percentage. So far, this stream of fundraising has raised **an incredible £2,343** - for free. In the last quarter alone, we have raised **£343** in this way. So, if you haven't already registered, please take the time to do so - and if you have registered, then don't forget to check with easyfundraising every time you shop online (especially if you are going to book a holiday, hire a car etc.) [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

## COFFEE MORNING

We appreciate that many people are not able to attend evening PTA meetings and so would like to invite everyone to our first PTA Coffee Morning, to be held after morning drop-off, on Tuesday 13 June in the Lower Hall. Please do come along to meet other parents and school staff, find out what is happening and contribute your ideas for events. Everyone is most welcome.

## PTA LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS

We are trialling a Language Ambassador Scheme, whereby multilingual parents make themselves available to make sure that all Penwortham parents are aware of what the PTA does, how they can help or put forward ideas for events. So far, we have parents with language skills in Urdu, Russian, Punjabi, German, Italian, Croatian, Afrikaans and Polish. If you speak a second language and would like to help in this way, please do get in touch on [penworthampta@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:penworthampta@yahoo.co.uk)

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Summer Fair** - Saturday 8th July...more details to follow...

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