

Watlington Primary School PTA Newsletter - Spring Term 2017

Hello and welcome to the Spring edition of the Watlington Primary School PTA newsletter. We had a fantastic Autumn term with £230.93 raised from the school disco and £563.67 at the Christmas Fayre, as well as £85.35 raised via the sale of refreshments at the Christmas performances and £49.98 through the Xmas4schools card designs and sales – a fantastic effort all round – a total of £929.93 during last term. Thank you for all your efforts, enthusiasm and support! All the monies that the PTA raises goes straight back to the children by way of enriching activities such as the ‘Bloodhound’ experience, transport on school trips (subsidising the overall individual cost of trips) and Year 6 leavers books, to name but a few examples. We had a few new people involved with fundraising last term and all parents and carers are welcome to join in with PTA activities; it really is very rewarding ☺

Your School Lottery

Your School Lottery is an organisation that creates and run lotteries for UK schools. Being part of Your School Lottery is quick and very easy to set up. You’ll need to visit the webpage and follow the on-screen instructions to set up an account and choose your own numbers. Once this is done, Your Schools Lottery will take care of the rest. Each week, when the numbers are drawn, the winner will be notified by email and also on the webpage and the winnings will automatically be paid into your bank account. (Please note that there is another Watlington Primary School on the website too!)

– **the first draw will take place on Saturday 4th February and will take place every Saturday thereafter.** A ticket costs £1 per week and **all** funds raised go directly to **our** school. Each ticket will also enter you in at least **TWO** draws:

1. A jackpot prize draw for **£25,000.00**.
2. A local draw with a **guaranteed** prize for one of the supporters of our school. The size of the prize will depend on the number of tickets bought for the school that week (Currently this will be £20 but will go up as tickets are sold).

The lottery is a fun and effective way to raise money to improve our school. But we need your help to make the lottery the best it can be, so please support the lottery today - and who knows maybe you'll be the next £25,000 winner!

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD BY TELLING FAMILY AND FRIENDS ABOUT IT!

You never know who might like to support the school, especially when there’s the bonus of prizes ☺ Sometimes Your School Lottery runs additional draws that you are automatically entered into, so you might have another chance to win. Previous promotional draws have included prizes such as an i-pad.

It’s amazing to think that once we reach 50 tickets sold per weekly draw, we will have created a campaign that will be raising over £1,000 per year for Watlington Community Primary School! Maybe this could be the final boost to raise funds for the much desired outdoor seating area that has been out of our reach financially for the last few years.

TO ENTER into our Yourschoollottery and start fundraising, go to the following web page or phone the number provided:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/watlington-community-primary-school>

Tel: 01865 582828

The PTA Facebook Page has launched!

A page run by the PTA of Watlington Community Primary School for parents, carers and families. Our aim is to keep you informed of current and upcoming events and up-to-date on fundraising achievements. We hope you find the page useful. Find it at:

<https://www.facebook.com/WatlingtonCommunityPrimary.PTA/> and you can email/message us at: [facebook.com/groups/WatlingtonPTA@groups.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/groups/WatlingtonPTA@groups.facebook.com)

We wish you all a Happy New Year and look forward to working together with all families on our events over the following term.

With thanks for your continued support,

Watlington Primary School PTA

Chair – Helen Gelder; Vice Chair – Jeff Gorringe; Secretary – Mandy Hooker;

Treasurer – Kerri Thompsett;

Named Members – Bev Gelder; Chris Osler; Rebecca Costello; Jim Coote; Mark Roythorne and Colin Farr

UPCOMING DATES – SPRING 2017

Tuesday 24th January, 7pm	PTA meeting – all welcome!
Friday 27th January, 3.30pm – Cake Sale	Please bring cake donations (baked or bought – all gratefully received ☺) to morning drop off. Can you help? If you are able to help sell cakes at 3.30pm, the PTA would be grateful of your support as well as being very thankful of all baked goods donated!
Saturday 4th February – My School Lottery LAUNCH DATE – drawn every Saturday thereafter.	https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/watlington-community-primary-school or 01865 582828 to get involved, start fundraising and be in with the chance of winning!
Friday 3rd March – Spring disco KS1 5-6pm KS2 6.30-8pm -includes pocket money sweet shop (free squash provided)	£2 per ticket - please send correct money in an envelope with child's name and which tickets (KS1 or KS2) you are requesting. Available from the school office from 27 th February. <i>Please note: Reception parents are to stay with their child (no siblings please), all other years - children should be dropped off when doors open and collected by a named adult at the end (must be over 16) - contact details should be added onto ticket. No photographs or videos to be taken due to safeguarding issues.</i>
Friday 24th March, 3.30pm – Cake Sale	As above – all donations and help very much welcomed ☺