



Hello,

Welcome to the summer Halton PTA newsletter - grab a cuppa, there's a lot to fill you in on...

Stellar year for profits

May's **Hawaiian disco** was a smash hit with the kids - big thanks to Mr Sowden on the decks and all the parents who helped run the activities. The event raised **£1,500**, which we thought was pretty impressive...

Then last month's **Community Day** came along and smashed it out of the ballpark, raising just under **£3,000** - a phenomenal amount that will go straight towards making our school and our children's learning experience better. Thank you so much to everyone who helped and attended what was a truly special day for Halton.

What your money is paying for

Over the last few months, your generous spending with the PTA has enabled us to contribute towards:

- Year 1's trip to Mike's outdoor learning centre
- Year 2's visit to Warwick Castle
- Pizzas for Year 6's leaving party

We also gave each class £250 to spend on whatever they wanted. There have been some fantastic uses of the money, including:

- Bluebells: hatching ducklings
- Y1 & Y2: storage units, boxes and a rug to help transform the cloakroom between their classrooms into a new quiet learning space
- Y3: a new rug so every child has a carpet space
- Y4: over 20 new games and wet play activities, and some large sets of model teeth!
- Y5: reading and maths books, plus aprons for cooking
- Y6: new books for the classroom based on the children's interests

Excitingly, we've made excellent progress on our ambitious target to buy **32 new iPads and a charging trolley** to help with the children's maths learning. We'll have further updates on this in the Autumn term.

Date for your diary: PTA quiz

We're planning an adults-only quiz night on **Friday 11 October** - more details will follow after the summer holidays, but for now please get it in your diary and book the babysitter...

Get involved!

We've been so pleased to hear from parents coming forward and asking how they can get involved with the PTA. The first thing we want to stress is that it doesn't require a regular commitment; we're

grateful for whatever time you can give, whether it's half an hour to sell cakes or a bit of behind-the-scenes help with event planning or banking.

We're currently looking for:

- **Friday treat helpers:** it only takes 30 minutes but raises huge amounts for the school. You can help as often or occasionally as you want.
- **Help with finances:** we'd benefit from a second pair of hands to help count floats, process receipts and payments and manage the accounts.
- **Event planners:** we are planning another busy calendar of PTA events next year and would love to hear from people who can help get them off the ground.
- **Specific skills:** if you have skills in design, marketing, PR or corporate sponsorship please get in touch.

If you can help or want to find out more, **please email** haltonptachair@gmail.com.

Class reps

In our last newsletter we asked for people to come forward as class reps to help communicate PTA messages via class Whatsapp groups, and we're delighted to say we now have someone for every class (names below based on current year groups). Thank you so much to:

Hannah Forbes (Bluebells), Jess Butler (Y1 & 4), Jenny Clark (Y2), Alix Morgan (Y3), Mignon du Bruyn (Y5) & Jess Allen (Y6).

Secondhand uniform

If you have any good-quality uniform that you no longer need, please consider donating it to the PTA for resale - simply hand items into the school office. We sell secondhand uniform at school events and it's also available to buy via the office.

Huge thanks to Jo and Jess

This term sees a sad farewell to two incredible members of the PTA committee, **Jess Allen** and **Jo Hodge**. Jess has been an invaluable adviser on finances and our charitable status, while Jo has worked tirelessly to coordinate Friday treats week in, week out, come rain or shine.

Both have made an enormous contribution to fundraising for Halton. We are so grateful for all their help and wish them and their children the very best of luck in the future and at their new schools.

Thanks very much for reading and have a fantastic summer.

Best wishes,

The Halton PTA Committee

Aimee Venner (chair), Leanda Tarvit (secretary), Lindsey Barnard (treasurer), Ele Clark (comms), Jo Hodge (Friday coordinator), Mignon du Bruyn (class reps coordinator), Jess Allen (treasury adviser) and Hannah Forbes (committee member)

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