



Friends of Halton School

Hello,

Welcome to the first Halton PTA newsletter in which we'll update you on our fundraising activities for the year, how you can get involved and upcoming dates for your diary.

Easter trail raises £675

A huge thanks to everyone who attended Friday's Easter Trail, and particularly to those who entered the baking competition. A selection of the children's (and possibly parents') amazing efforts are below. The event made an impressive profit of **£675.38**.



What your money is paying for

Every time you spend money with the PTA, whether that's to buy your child a Friday cake, some Easter bunny ears or a disco ticket, the money is going directly towards the school.

Over the last year, the PTA has contributed towards outdoor learning equipment, new books for the library and a visit from the Royal Shakespeare Company.



What next?

This year, we're giving each year group's teacher £250 to spend on whatever they choose for their classroom, from art aprons to books.

We're also kicking off a big fundraising drive to buy 32 new iPads and a charging trolley – which the teachers have unanimously agreed is a top priority – to help children develop their maths skills as part of the school development plan.

Finally, the children pitched some amazing ideas to Mr Horsfield during Mental Health Week and we'd like to put some PTA funds towards making them a reality. Mr Horsfield is discussing this with the School Council and we'll update you once a plan has been agreed.

How you can help raise money for Halton

We're currently looking for:

- **Class reps:** one class rep for each year group who will help keep parents and guardians informed about PTA activities, and occasionally coordinate volunteers for events such as discos and Community Day. This isn't a time-consuming role but will be hugely helpful.
- **Friday treat helpers:** our ever-popular Friday treats stand makes around £80 a week for the school and it can only continue if we have enough volunteers to run it. No regular commitment is required and it only takes half an hour – plus the more people that sign up, the less often each individual will need to help out.
- **Event planners:** no professional experience necessary – if you love a list and throw a cracking party we'd love to hear from you.
- **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.

Upcoming PTA events

- Thursday treats – after school this Thursday 28 March
- Summer disco – Friday 24 May (timings TBC)
- Community day – Saturday 6 July 12-4pm

Finally, we're trialing this newsletter as a new way of communicating with you and we'd love to know what you think. Please email haltonptachair@gmail.com with any feedback or ideas.

Thanks very much for reading.

Best wishes,

The Halton PTA Committee:

Aimee Venner (acting chair), Leanda Tarvit (secretary), Lindsey Barnard (treasurer), Ele Clark (comms), Jo Hodge (Friday coordinator) & Mignon du Bruyn (class reps coordinator)