



Etwall Primary School PTFA Newsletter

Charity No: 1083273

Spring Term 2018

Dear Etwall Primary School PTFA member.

Welcome to our Spring term newsletter. The PTFA has raised **£11,620.37** in **2017**, a record breaking amount and the most Mrs Dixey has seen in all her time at the school. For a third year running more than half of the funds came from wider village community activities.

We held our AGM on the 30th January and another record was broken in attendance. It was fantastic to see so many new faces and we welcomed several new people to the committee. After 3 years of being PTFA Chair I will soon be stepping down and we have a new Chair in training. We welcome Jo Edge to the team and very much look forward to her new ideas and enthusiasm for raising funds for the school.

2018 is going to be another exciting year with some new events as well as tried and tested ones. **A BIG Thank You** to the PTFA members who volunteered to organise and help run last year's events / activities and to the members who supported our events during the year. Our next committee meeting is planned for 25th April, it will be good to see some new faces if you can make it.

If you have any questions, or would like to get in touch with feedback or suggestions, our PTFA email address is etwallpta@gmail.com

Richard Davies
PTFA Current Chair

Notes from our new chair:

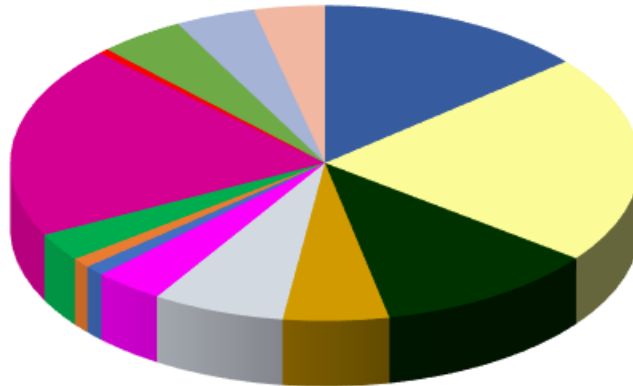
After attending the PTFA meetings last year and helping out at a number of events, I felt I would like to be more involved with the running of the committee and really look forward to the challenge.

I will be shadowing Richard for the coming months and welcome any suggestions or help you have and can give us. I hope you can join us at our forthcoming meetings and any other activities in the future.

Jo Edge
Deputy Chair

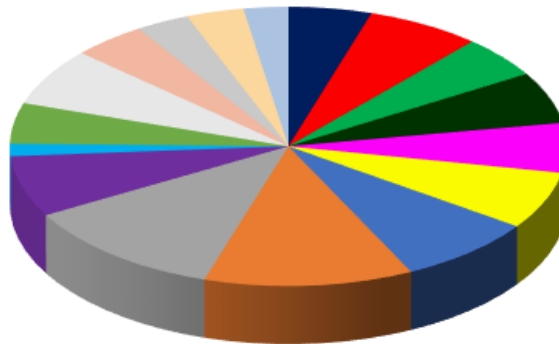
Round up of 2017 PTFA Fundraising and Spend

Fundraising £11,620



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| ■ Summer Fair | ■ Fireworks | ■ Music Festival | ■ Secret Santa | ■ School Discos |
| ■ Film Night | ■ Nativity Café | ■ Christmas Cards | ■ Christmas Raffle | ■ Textile Bank |
| ■ Easy Fundraising | ■ School Lottery | ■ Sports Donations | ■ Crafts | |

Spend £8,266



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| ■ Indian Dancing Workshop | ■ St Johns First Aid | ■ Book Week Author |
| ■ Brain Blaster Workshop | ■ Online Safety Workshop | ■ American Workshop |
| ■ New Books | ■ Sports Equipment & Kit | ■ Trim Trail Repair |
| ■ Outdoor Learning Signs | ■ Table Top Games | ■ Twycross Zoo |
| ■ Tutbury Castle | ■ Imagineering | ■ KS1 Xmas Book Gifts |
| ■ Sports Day Ice-creams | ■ Year 6 Leavers T-shirts | |

2018 upcoming PTFA Events

Recycling Day at School	Thursday 15 th February
School Council Chocolate Bingo	Friday 16 th March/TBC
PTFA Committee Meeting	Wednesday 25 th April
Recycling Day at School	Friday 25 th May
Summer Disco	Thursday 7 th June
PTFA Committee Meeting	Wednesday 27 th June
Summer Fair	Friday 6 th July
Music Festival	Sunday 15 th July

Christmas activities

Secret Santa: A dedicated team of "Etwall Elves" spent a few fun evenings designing, buying and then wrapping some new gifts to sell. We continued to have many gifts donated and this allowed us to offer up to 2 gift purchases per child which was very well received. On the day we had lots of very excited children making their purchases and our volunteers gift wrapping them. **Thank you very much to parents and carers for donating and supporting this event.**

Class Hampers: Thank you to parents and carers for their kind donations to the class hampers. We were able to create some additional hampers where there were doubles of items in the same class - more chances to win! There were lots of raffle tickets sold and many happy winners!

Nativity: We hosted the café for attendees of two KS1 nativity performances and Reception. The mince pies and biscuits went down well with a hot drink! **Thank you to all who helped run the café.**

Christmas Craft: This year with the help of some new volunteers we ran a Christmas Craft Fair at Frank Wickam Hall. It was a fantastic event with some great craft ideas from bird feeders to Christmas cookie decorating. We had cakes and hot drinks and even a raffle. **Thank you for all the support at this new event, it's always great to try a new idea.**



Summer activities

Summer Fair: Last year's Summer Fair was a great success. Thanks to all the new volunteers who organised and ran the various activities, the event ran really smoothly. It provided a significant contribution to our annual fund raising and we hope this year will prove to be no different. Last year we raised the most money EVER totalling £1753 – Do You Think We Can Beat It!!!

Music Festival: For the last 2 years we have organised a Village Music Festival. The First year the weather was really on our side and it was a great success. Last year the weather was not on our side to start, but it did pick up and the event was also successful. The music was excellent and the bar was busy and it was great to see everyone enjoying the outdoors. We really hope to build year on year on what went well and hopefully make this a good community event.



RECYCLE DAY

Please bring in all your old clothes, textiles etc for our Recycle Day being held at Etwall Primary School on
THURSDAY 15th of February.

We have even provided a bag for your contributions :o)

Please bring as much recycling as you can.

The children will have a **dress down day** where they can wear their own clothes as a reward for their good recycling.

Thank you kindly from the EPS PTFA who will add your contributions to the school fund.

DID YOU KNOW!

In addition to helping the school all your recycling also helps children in the greater community.



To find out more please visit the Daisy Chain Charity page:
<http://www.daisychainbenevolentfund.co.uk/Pages/default.aspx>

Daisychain are pleased to announce that the following Children's Wards have been selected to be nominated causes for the Trust in 2018:

- **The Cheethams Children's Ward at the University Hospital of North Staffordshire**
- **The Children's Ward at the Queens Hospital, Burton on Trent**
- **The Battledown Children's Ward at the Cheltenham General**
- **The Derbyshire Children's Hospital at the Derbyshire Royal Hospital**
- **The Riverbank Children's Ward at Worcestershire Royal Hospital**
- **The Children's Ward at Hereford County Hospital.**
- **Teenage Cancer Trust**