

PTFA Newsletter – November 2016



Hello from the PTFA!

Hello and welcome to all new parents reading this newsletter for the first time. Allow us to introduce ourselves: we are the LSA PTFA, a small but friendly and inclusive group of parents and friends who meet monthly to organise and get involved with a variety of fundraising events throughout the year.

Everyone is welcome to our meetings, and how much or little you wish to contribute to the group is entirely your choice. You can come along to meetings and chat; or sit and watch and listen; you can volunteer to help run events or simply turn up on the night and enjoy them; you can suggest new and innovative ways to raise funds or you can simply use the current easy methods of donating that we have such as Ragbag, easyfundraising or Lucky Numbers. Whatever your level of contribution, you will be made very welcome! Mr Wood attends all our meetings and has his own Forum on the agenda, so this is a great way to gain an insight into school life and the wider school community.



Some of the events we have organised this year are detailed in this newsletter, but we also have others planned throughout the year, from shopping events to Fun Runs and a Summer Ball. All our events are advertised on the school [website](#) or you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (@lsaptfa).

Celebrating Christmas in style!

The PTFA are pleased to announce that they are celebrating Christmas in style again this year with a fabulous evening of fun and fashion planned at the renowned Stringers store in Lytham. The evening starts with a glass of bubbles for all guests on arrival, with fashion and makeup demonstrations and the opportunity to shop and take advantage of exclusive discounts in store. Stringers have a fabulous range of evening wear for the Christmas season, so why not come along enjoy the Christmassy atmosphere, a drink or two and some girly shopping time. A Stringers goody bag is also provided for all ticket holders. We plan to have all three floors open on the evening so you can pick up something gorgeous to wear for the festive season as well as gifts for your loved ones and beautiful household items

too! The event is ticket only and is planned for Thursday 8th December between 7-9pm and tickets are available for £10. Please contact Michelle on 07985107912 or Debbie at ptfsecretarylsa@hotmail.com for your ticket. Don't miss out on this exclusive event; get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.



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Manchester Christmas Markets

Due to high demand, the PTFA have again organised our annual trip to the famous Christmas Markets at Manchester. The coach takes you right to the heart of the markets where you can browse for unique, bespoke gifts and try a variety of food and drinks, all sold from traditional wooden huts bedecked with twinkling lights.

The markets wind their way around the streets of the city centre and cover areas around St Anne's Square, King Street and the Royal Exchange. If you haven't been before, come along on our trip and experience for yourself the delights of this wonderful market. If you are interested in tickets, please contact Debbie at ptfsecretarylsa@hotmail.com.



The trip is planned for Sunday 11th December leaving school at 10.00am and returning at 4.00pm and tickets are a very reasonable £10. **Only a small number of tickets still available.**

Creative Chocolates – a taster's delight!

The PTFA recently held a highly successful chocolate evening where guests, of all ages, were dazzled by a dizzying array of chocolates in a variety of shapes, colours and flavours. The delicious handmade chocolate went down a treat and people were ordering all sorts of chocolate delights from chocolate stirring spoons to chocolate Brussels sprouts!



The evening was great fun and both the young and not so young we're delighted to learn about the different types of chocolate whilst sampling each and every one of them!! The evening was hosted in the Library where some improvements have already taken place, funded by the PTFA, and for which further fund raising events are planned to make even more

improvements to this facility. It was a definite case of choc til you drop!

Thanks to Creative Chocolates for a fabulous evening.



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Rag Bag

The Rag Bag collection has been ongoing now for over twelve months and has proven to be a very successful and easy way to raise funds for school. The bin is located outside just opposite the Library and is emptied regularly. Parents can donate old clothes and shoes and leave them at school reception in a bag/bin liner or (out of school hours) placed directly into the bin. Once full, the bin is emptied and school is paid for the “Rags” by the kilo. On average the bin generates between £25 and £35 each time it is emptied. It literally is a way to make money from rags!

A big thank you to all of you that have donated so far and continue to donate in this way. Keep on bagging up – why not have a clear out before Christmas and make room for new clothes for the new season?

EasyFundraising.org.uk

Do you ever feel like you would like to help out with fundraising at school, but can't make the monthly meetings or maybe you don't fancy coming along to any of the events, but you wish there was something you could do to contribute without actually leaving home? How about easyfundraising.org.uk?

This is a fantastic scheme that benefits school simply by shopping in the comfort of your own home! How many of us, especially at this time of year, shop online regularly at outlets such as Amazon, Tesco, eBay, Marks and Spencer and John Lewis? Every time you shop at these, or hundreds of other outlets online, you could be giving a donation to the school. All you have to do is register on the website and choose LSA Technology and Performing Arts, then follow the links to get shopping on all your favourite websites. See the school website for more information (click [here](#)). We have already raised over £200 with this scheme in less than a year – it really is easy! Happy shopping!

You can find our EasyFundraising page by clicking [here](#).



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What are we fundraising for?

If you have wondered what the PTFA are fundraising for... read on!

Over the years, the PTFA have helped fund many different projects, equipment and facilities. The one thing that they all have had in common is that they were all for the benefit of the students and community at LSA, in other words your children!



We have raised money to pay for a variety of things, such as a fish tank in the Science; a catering van to alleviate lunchtime queues; and some fabulous new curtains for the stage in the Hall!



The stage was in desperate need of a facelift, and thanks to some fabulous fundraising events this year, the PTFA has recently been able to get beautiful new curtains fitted and

plan to further enhance this area with new flooring and lights.

Every event we plan and host has the same goal: to raise funds to support the students at LSA. Currently, we are trying to raise funds to rejuvenate the Library and work has already begun on improving this very important facility for the school.

So next time you see a PTFA event advertised, please consider supporting it and therefore enriching your children's education and experience at LSA!



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