



Sacred Heart RC
Primary School,
Battersea

PTA NEWS ROUND-UP

Welcome to the roundup of the PTA news of this Academic year 2017 – 18. We hope both your children and yourselves have had a very good year.

The Sacred Heart PTA have been busy and have had some brilliant events! We have had a Bake Sale, the magical Christmas Fair, Line Dance parents social with a creche, supported the World Book Day with a Book & Bake Sale, 3-day Movie Event, School Disco, Mothers' Day & Fathers' Day and Friday-Fun Day. We would like to **thank all of you**- parents, teachers and staff alike - for supporting our efforts, events and activities. It is always great to see so many of you enjoying the fun and your support is so encouraging to all the volunteers.

We have also set up some **long-term fundraisers**, such as the **Happy School Bag** (collection of unwanted clothes and household items for recycling) & **Empties Please** (recycling of ink & toner cartridges), as well as two online fundraisers: **Easyfundraising** and **The Giving Machine** to raise money by shopping online with over 3,000 affiliated retailers. **Do download the toolbar, it's brilliant!**

What are we raising funds for? We are raising funds for the KS2 playground improvement, though we have supported the school at the same time. See the tables overleaf...

Saying Goodbyes

I feel very sad we have to say goodbyes not only to one, but to four Committee members. They have been faithfully supportive and highly motivated to help our school from the time the PTA was set up. Although we have worked together for less than a year, they have been great team players and will be very much missed. We are saying goodbye to two lovely events mums: **Anna**, whose daughter Sophia Y6 is moving on to secondary school and **Kseniya** (Maxim Y6, Alex&Nicki Y1), who is moving out of Battersea. We are also losing two key personal, both treasurers: **Mariya** (Theodor Y3) and **Nathalie** (Kheliya Y6), who have been a source of great support and guidance. We thank all four of you for your tireless work and wish you all the best in the future.

This means, that from September till the AGM, the PTA Committee will be halved. We would be delighted if parents came forward so that the PTA can continue providing vital support to our school.

Charity Status

We are awaiting being awarded the Charity Status. Hopefully, we will have received the news by the end of summer.

Did you know? Over 3,500 retailers support charitable giving! They donate on your behalf when you shop online so that YOU DON'T need to pay even a penny extra. Go on, pass the link to your friends and family and join us!

Please download <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sacredheartpsbattersea> and www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/pta-of-sacred-heart-primary-battersea/ and watch the pennies roll in.

What's all the fuss about the Wiser Choices Working Group?

Last month, under the wing of the PTA, a group of health-conscious parents formed a group - WCWG - and started working with the school towards an improvement in school dinners, cutting down on waste, promoting non-sweets rewards for good work and promoting healthier choices for end-of-year class parties. Set up by Clara (mum of Lino & Martta), Agnes (mum of Nina) and Charlotte (mum of Agnes, Louis & Rafferty), and supported by PTA, Sonia (mum of Dominic, Veronica & Madeleine), the group welcomes any parents who share these concerns. If you would like to find out more, please read **The Lunchtime Observation Report** including actions taking place from September, which is uploaded on the PTA website (Sacred Heart School website-parents-PTA).

The role of the PTA is to develop, maintain and nurture strong links between home and school, while encouraging parents to voice their concerns and ideas. If you'd like our support, please grab any of us in the playground, or, alternatively, come to the next **Headteacher's Forum**. The first one will take place in September, so please keep an eye on the dates in September Newsletter.

Donations made to school	Cost
Boccia balls (sport equipment)	£ 132.99
Books for Accelerated Readers	£ 48.94
Nursery carpet	£ 172.75
Family Learning Y6 Pizza	£ 4.98
Lunchtime sports equipment KS2	£ 384.28
Sacred Heart Banner	£ 19.50
Chocolate Museum visit to SH School	£ 180
Total	£ 943.44

Thank you

We would also like to extend our thanks to Mr Brading, Mrs Byrne and Ms Wells and all the teachers and staff for their support and encouragement. Their guidance is vital as they help us work out the details of events to make sure children are happy and safe and their collaboration with the PTA helps to make events happen. A huge thank you to the members of the Committee and the Class reps, as they are often the unsung heroes. And last, but not least, thank you to all the parents and children, we couldn't have done it without you. We would like to wish you a lovely summer break and we will see you in September rested, relaxed and re-charged.

Events	Month	Income
Bake Sale	Oct '17	£ 323.80
Christmas Fair	Dec '17	£ 1820.84
Line Dance	Jan '18	£ 187.35
Bake & Book Sale	March '18	£ 249.00
Mothers' Day	March '18	£ 423.80
3-day Movie Event	March '18	£ 293.42
Disco	April '18	£ 464.46
Fathers' Day	June '18	£ 566.38
Friday Fun Day	July '18	£ 323.85
Total income from events only	Oct '17-July '18	£4652.90
Happy School Bag	June '18	£ 282.75
EmptiesPlease	ongoing	£ 0
Easyfundraising	Up to July '18	£ 158.29 not yet in b/account
The Giving Machine	Up to July '18	£21.71 not yet in b/account
Birthday donations	Oct-July	£315.32
Total long-term income	Oct - July	£598.07
Gross Income	Oct '17- July '18	£5,250.97