# Newsletter



# October 2020

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our events over the past year. The children and staff really appreciate all of the items we have bought and use them regularly to enhance their learning and school life.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we haven't been able to have as many events as we would have liked.

We are really looking forward to meeting some more new members at the AGM. See you in the library 7pm Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Sue Wilde Chairperson Hellesdon High School PTA

# **Accounts:**

The accounts show another successful year.

Total Income for the year 2019/20 amounted to £5870. Expenditure over the period amounted to £3630, including £2193 contributions to the school.

To start the new school year, we currently have £5000 in our fundraising accounts.

## **Monthly Lottery Draw:**

We have on average 128 lottery numbers in the draw (representing 60 lottery members). Each number costs just £1 a number per month.

Of all the money raised, 50% is retained by the PTA with the remaining 50% becoming monthly draw prizes. Each month three prizes are awarded to the first three numbers out of the hat.

Why not buy a number? The greater the members, the greater the prizes. If we could sell 500 numbers a month, we could raise an extra £3000 a year for the school. After all you have to be in it, to win it!

# Family Quiz & Supper - November 2019:

A great night spent testing all areas of knowledge supplemented with plenty of nibbles. Fun games during the intervals resulted in a healthy profit of £565.

#### **Christmas Market - November 2019:**

Visitors to the annual Christmas Market were treated to stalls brimming with Christmas ideas and goodies.

A profit of £1043 was made at the event. Many thanks to all those that supported the Market and made it a very joyous occasion.

# Sister Act - January 2020:

The PTA supported the school in running a raffle and providing ice creams and refreshments, at the school performance of "Sister Act". The 3 night event raised an amazing £565.

#### **Car Boot Sales:**

October 2019 – The event was busy, raising £360 profit.

1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Proving to be very popular, these two events raised a combined profit of £1075.

# Do you own or run a business?

We are always looking for prizes for raffles so if you, your family or friends know of a business who would be willing to donate a gift or prize for one of our events, we would be very grateful.

#### **Lottery Forms**

These are available via the school website.

#### **Nearly New Uniform:**

We have seen a successful few years of our Nearly New Uniform service. We are conscious that students grow quickly and replacements can be expensive.

As soon as we are able, we will resume our second-hand uniform shop in the School Hall on the first Monday of every month from 3.15pm – 4.15pm

If your child has outgrown uniform, please consider donating good quality, clean clothes, by dropping them in at the main School Reception.

# **Contributions in 2019/20**

- Laptops
- Prizes for Year 7 maths competition
- Display frames for GCSE Art exhibition
- Deep fat fryer and meat mincer for D&T
- Litter pickers and reusable bin liners for the School Council
- Contribution for felt and paint to refurbish the outdoor wooden shelter
- Contribution to table benches for 6th Form area
- Trophies for the Celebration of Success Evening
- Continental trampoline
- Water fountains

# Do you use the Internet for shopping? Why not shop via the Giving Machine?

Many popular providers donate a % of your sales to the Giving Machine. By nominating Hellesdon High School PTA as your chosen charity, this donation will benefit the students of the school. There is no extra work for you and its free.

Register at:

http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/

## **Forthcoming Events:**

The upcoming academic year will be a challenge for us at the PTA and events will be organised as soon as it is safe to do so.

- AGM Tuesday 20th October 2020
- Meeting Wednesday 18th November
- Meeting Thursday 17th December
- Meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- Social distancing rules to apply and masks required.

#### Come and Join us:

We are a small and friendly group of volunteers and would welcome new members. If you are interested in joining us, please come along to the Annual General Meeting, to be held at the school library at 7pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Whatever contribution you can make, however small, would be greatly appreciated.

#### **PTA Contact:**

We welcome feedback and ideas, so please contact us at:

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