



ESPS PTA WINTER TERM 2018

NEWSLETTER

As the first term of the academic year draws to a close we're delighted to report that the PTA at East Sheen Primary School continues to thrive thanks to the dedication and generosity of parents, teachers, our sponsors and the local community as well as the commitment and hard work of the wider PTA committee.

Our children were welcomed back from the summer holidays to lovely new junior toilets and a new audio visual and sound system in the hall all funded by the PTA.

The Autumn Term kicked off with a PTA Coffee Morning in September followed by the PTA AGM, Parent's Social event and ended with the Christmas Bazaar in November.

PARENT'S SOCIAL

On 2nd November nearly 100 parents spent the night chatting to new friends, eating delicious curry and dancing to a fabulous band. The hall was transformed and we'd like to thank 'Accent' the school caterers for proving copious amounts of food. The evening raised £700 for the school but more importantly welcomed new parents to ESPS.

RAISE FUNDS WITH ONLINE SHOPPING

With Christmas fast approaching please remember to help the school as you shop and use [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com). We have raised **£2,615** so far so it's definitely worth taking the time. Don't forget all our other [cash back schemes](#) too.



AGM / EGM

At the AGM, we welcomed Lizzie Galvin, Rowena-Marie Manuel and Hanan Osman as new committee members. We are delighted to have them on board and thank the whole committee for their ongoing support.

It was proposed that the PTA would support some exciting new projects. Key items would be to invest in refurbishing the year 4 toilets; purchase specialised modular equipment with obstacles to help develop gross motor skills for Reception children; buy a new set of tablets to include cases and charging trolley; and the main fundraising focus for 2019 being the new PlayTime programme. This initiative has been requested by parents and Debbie Canner presented initial findings on the research done to date on ways to improve play time. Watch this space for some exciting new ideas.

A vote on funding requests could not be taken at this meeting, therefore an Extraordinary General Meeting took place on 7 November. We are pleased to announce that all funding requests are now approved.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2018

In true ESPS spirit we all pulled together and made the 2018 Christmas Bazaar another amazing fundraising event.

From the grotto to the tombola, the teas and cake stall, to the staff who manned the bar, to those who made the delicious lunches, to everyone who turn up, a truly fabulous day was had by all.

We could not have done it without all of your hard work and much appreciated time and effort, so a huge thank you to all parents, staff, children and local businesses for making the 2018 Christmas Bazaar a day to remember.

Together we raised an amazing **£14,000** for the school. Of this the Silent Auction raised **£4,358**. An excellent effort from our Reception Team. Well done!



FINANCIAL UPDATE . . .

We have had a fantastic start to fundraising this school year and as discussed at the AGM the main focus for fundraising will be the toilets, early years equipment, tablets and the PlayTime Programme. Below is a summary of our funds raised and funding requests approved.

FUNDS RAISED

Balance in Bank @ 30th November **£ 51,507**

Christmas Bazaar 2018 £ 14,000

Family Football Tournament £1,000

ESPS Parents Social. £700

APPROVED FUNDING REQUESTS

PlayTime Programme. £ 30,000

Toilets. £25,850

Tablets. £11,015

Early Years equipment. £4,000

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

ESPS PTA FAMILY FUN RUN – MARCH TBC. Now in its 6th year this great family event keeps growing. There will be a 1.5km and a 5km route so the whole school can take part.

ESPS PTA MAY BALL – 11TH MAY. Save this date for the May Ball. It's sure to be a night to remember. Anyone wishing to join the event team please drop us an email.

FAMILY FOOTBALL FESTIVAL – JUNE TBC
SUMMER FAIR – 23RD JUNE

The PTA warmly welcomes new fundraising ideas and is always looking for more people to join the team. If you would like to get involved or share your thoughts, please contact us at louisamargiepta@yahoo.com

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL PUPILS, STAFF AND PARENTS AT ESPS.