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# Dormansland PTA Newsletter



## New Year, New Committee

First of all, welcome to all the new parents who have joined us this September. We look forward to meeting you and working together as you become part of the great community here at Dormansland Primary School.

What is the PTA and who is a member? Well, that one is easy. Our Parent and Teacher Association fundraises on behalf of the school to help enrich the lives and education of the children. It gives parents an opportunity to contribute in some way to their child's school, to meet other parents and, believe it or not, to have FUN!

Every parent/ carer with a child at Dormansland automatically becomes a member of our PTA, often referred to as "the cherry on top" of the school. This year, the PTA is being headed up by Sarah Lloyd and Heloise Dennehy, who will be ably assisted by Danielle Brice and Alex Severn.

Thank you to the brilliant team of Sarah Christopher, Lisa Roach, Lauren Hickson, Wendy Wood and Theodora Thorvaldsdottir for all their hard work and dedication over the last academic year.

Fundraising efforts won't be as normal this year, as we are restricted by what we can actually 'do' but we hope to run some low key sponsored events and grant applications to keep us going... watch this space!

If you have any suggestions, allowing for the Covid restrictions, please contact us—see the last page for all the ways you can get in touch.



Huge thanks to all your kind donations for our "Mufti" day today.

Thanks to your generosity, we have raised enough money for one of the Chrome Books we are hoping to buy for the school!



## Upcoming Events

9th December

- **Thursday 10th December—"Bags2School"**. Have a good clear out of all your unwanted clothes, soft toys, bedding, curtains, shoes, bags etc. A bag will be sent home with your child nearer the time. Fill it up (and use bin bags if you have more!), bring it to the Meads entrance of the school on **Wednesday**



- **Sunday 29th November—Claridge House Christmas Fair**—Dormansland PTA will be running a cake stall so we will be calling on all you Mary Berry and Paul Hollywoods for donations nearer the time.

- **Thursday 4th February—Sponsored Pancake Toss**. Flipping good fun! Children compete to flip a pancake the most times. A sponsorship form will be sent home prior to the event.



## Fundraising 2019/2020

Please see below a breakdown of the fundraising achieved for the last academic year. A total of **£12,287** was raised so thanks to all who gave up their time, donated, supported in person or attended one of our events.



## What are the PTA funding this year?

Nothing is more important to us than enriching the children's learning and enjoyment at Dormansland Primary. We have therefore agreed to fund the following:

- ◇ Forest School—the PTA will cover the cost of Forest School for this academic term at a cost of £1500
- ◇ Christmas Party and Gift—as we are unable to run the usual Christmas Fair, we have decided to organise and pay for the food and drinks for each class for their Christmas Party plus a small gift for every child in the school
- ◇ Finally, the IT suite is in need of some new equipment so we are negotiating costs to provide some Google Chrome Books to the school—we will update you on this
- ◇ The Kitchen build continues to be a main fundraising goal for the future but we feel the above contributions will make a real difference to our children's education right now.



### Kingsley Farm Christmas Trees

Blackberry Road,  
Felcourt, RH7 6NQ



We are delighted to say that Kir will be donating £3 to the PTA for a Christmas tree that is sold to a friend of Dormansland School. Just quote "Dormansland Primary School" when purchasing.

They have also donated a 6ft tree to the PTA, which we will be raffling at the end of November—watch this space!

For more information, visit their website—  
[www.kingsleyfarm.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyfarm.co.uk)

### Sarah's Cuts & Sprinkles

This is a brilliant craft company, set up by one of our parents at Dormansland. Sarah Adams designs and creates personalised items, and at this time of year, there are plenty of lovely Christmas ideas to tempt you.

For all purchases done by parents, she will kindly donate 10% of her sales to the PTA. Visit her facebook page — [www.facebook.com/cutsandsprinklesbysarah](https://www.facebook.com/cutsandsprinklesbysarah) or follow her on Instagram.



Thank you Sarah,  
For your support



## How can you help?

Small Actions  
X LOTS OF PEOPLE  
= BIG CHANGE

<http://angelbins.com>

### Raising money from your sofa!

Did you know that most UK shops work with Easy Fundraising so that we can raise money for our school.

When you next do your online shop, change your utility provider, buy a new mobile or book a holiday (you should be so lucky!) visit the [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) website first, select Dormansland Primary School (that is right, we are a charity!) and then search for the relevant shop or provider. A % of your spend will come directly to our school, without you lifting a finger. And whilst we can't promise to be there to help you unpack when your delivery arrives, rest assured that we appreciate every penny raised. So let your nearest and dearest know about this brilliant, easy and free way to support our school.



Click here for more information—[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

We have also just signed up to **amazon smile** so when you next shop with amazon, you can select Dormansland Primary School PTA from the list of charities. This takes a matter of seconds and will make a real difference to our fundraising in what will be a tricky year for the PTA.



### And don't forget, we are a registered charity!

If you work for a company that matches charitable donations or any money you raise, please let the committee know. It can make a huge difference to our fund raising efforts.



If you have not yet joined us on Facebook, please search for “Dormansland Primary School PTA”



We welcome all contributions, ideas, suggestions and helpers.



You can also follow us on INSTAGRAM—search for **Dormansland PTA**

If you would rather send us a message, you can email us on:

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