



Dormansland PTA Newsletter

Summer 2019

What a year!

So, SATS are done and half term is but a distant memory – what a lovely warm one it was! With the end of the year fast approaching, we thought it was time to update you on where we are, what we've done and where we are going.

Ice Lolly Fridays are back, cooling down kids and parents alike in the school playground at pick up most Fridays weather, dependent. If the weather is warm, lollies will be on sale, so don't forget your pennies on the school run!

Congratulations to Claire Ashley who won the most sought-after raffle prize ever donated – dinner for eight in her own home cooked by Master Chef winner Steve Groves. Word is she has never been so popular, we can't think why?!? The raffle raised a stonking £1,035 for the school. Thank you again to Steve Groves for kindly donating this prize.

The Pamper Night last term was a huge success and raised more than £600 in profit. Huge thanks go to Sarah Burley, Zoe Blyth and Pauline Wells for organising such a great event and to all those who offered their time and skills as therapists. Slots sold out well in advance so our aim will be to get more therapists for next year so we can build on the success of this year.

It's a 'good bye' from me as Co-Chair!

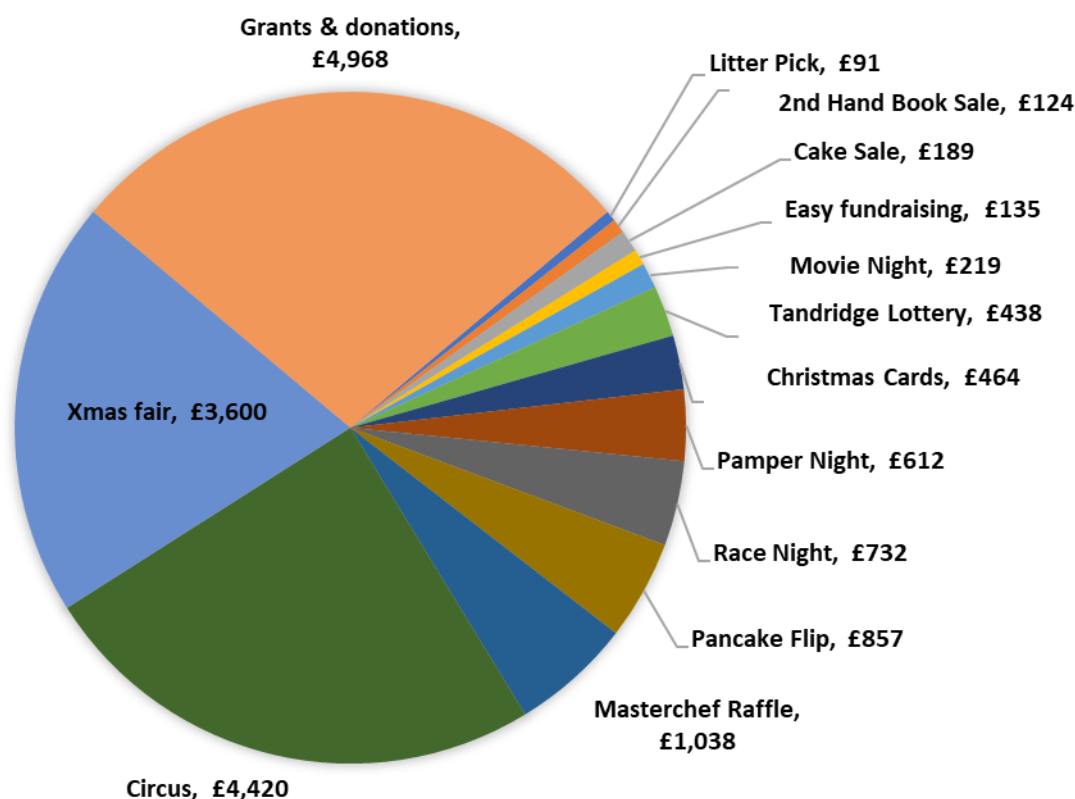
At the end of this academic year I will be standing down as Co-Chair of the PTA. Whilst it has been a hugely fun opportunity and I have been involved with this PTA and others for six years now, the time has come for me to step aside to welcome new and fresh ideas and allow me time to focus on my own business. I will of course be available to help out at events and am happy to offer as much or as little help as my successor requests. I would avidly recommend the opportunity to be a part of the PTA at Dormansland – it has been a wonderful experience for me, getting to know so many lovely people and being a part of something really fulfilling.

Kind regards,
Alex Severn

All positions for committee members – Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and PR & Marketing – will be voted in at the AGM in September. The PTA must have a Chair and Treasurer and Secretary in order to run. If you would like to step forward, please do contact us on pta@dormansland.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible so that dates for the year ahead can be put into the diary.

SO, WHAT'S BEEN RAISED AND WHAT'S BEEN SPENT?

INCOME: So far this year, with your help, we've raised approximately £18,000:



OUTGOINGS FOR THIS YEAR:

	Cost:
1. School Trip Subsidy: funded £10 per child towards class trips. We do this each year, providing we have funds	£2,130
2. Computer System (annual fee)	£700
3. Three new interactive white boards (grant + PTA top-up)	£4,040
4. New boat play area for the playground	£5,000
5. Forest School	£2,800
6. New outside play storage unit and new equipment	£600
7. New tricycles for Reception and Year 1	£800
8. Music/Science/English resources	£960

TOTAL: £17,030

Money raised also allow us to hold all PTA events, as we need rolling funds to cover up-front expenses.

The PTA has also applied for grants this year, including those from Dormansland Parish Council, Tandridge District Council, Co-op Bank, National Lottery, Tesco and Co-op stores.

If you know of any other grants we might apply for, please do let us know.

SO... WHAT NEXT?

Kitchen Update...

The opening balance for this year was £15,598, so in addition to the outgoings above, the remaining money earned this academic year will go towards creating a new kitchen at the school to enable school lunches to be cooked on site. This would not only vastly improve the quality of the food served but will also ensure a choice of menu for those having school lunches. Finally, by having a kitchen installed, the children of Dormansland Primary will be able to participate in food technology, which is part of the National Curriculum. Without a kitchen, this is part of the curriculum the school currently cannot provide.

So far, we will be offering the school £10,000 towards this kitchen project, which adds to the £8,000 that Mrs Stokes and her team have managed to squirrel away. The school are in talks with Surrey Commercial Services in order to get further funding. We are one of only two schools in Surrey with the level of kitchen functionality that we currently possess and improving kitchen facilities is something Mrs Stokes feels passionate about.

We will be looking into crowdfunding ideas and further grants but any ideas however big or small, we would love to hear from you.

Next PTA Meeting will be on Tuesday 9th July 2019
at 7:30pm at Dormansland Primary School.

We would love to see as many of you as possible.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We are actively seeking Grant Matchers for our events so if you work for a company that offers employee charity match funding, please do get in contact with us – either through the PTA Facebook page, by email or come and find us in the playground.

EASYFUNDRAISING:

Remember to use #easyfundraising when you're buying online. **It is a simple way to contribute to the school, with very minimal effort!**

Just click on the link below and download the app, use the easy set-up guide to create an account and choose Dormansland Primary school as your charity.

Once you're up and running, every time you buy something online, just click on the #easyfundraising app first and find your chosen shopping site. A percentage of whatever you buy will then automatically be donated to the school. Simple.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

A graphic for the Easyfundraising Christmas campaign. It features a white background with a subtle pattern of orange and white geometric shapes. In the top left corner, there is a small pine cone and a string of orange and white geometric shapes. In the top right corner, there is a small orange ribbon. The Easyfundraising logo, which consists of a stylized 'e' in a circle followed by the text 'easyfundraising feel good shopping', is positioned in the upper left. The main text, 'Raise free funds for us every time you shop online this Christmas', is written in a large, bold, red font. At the bottom, there are more orange and white geometric shapes.

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If you have any questions or would like to become more involved or you have some brilliant idea do please contact one of the committee or email us on the email below. We are hear to help and always enjoy new ideas.

PTA Committee: 2018 – 2019

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