

Sutton Grammar School PTA



Autumn'18 Half Term Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Autumn is slowly creeping in, the trees are shedding their leaves and whilst the lush summer green of nature gives way to the colourful landscapes, the PTA continues with planning and preparation of its activities for this second half of school term in full swing.

Since the last Newsletter, the PTA has approved the following expenses/activities within the school:

£12,980	Protective Flooring for Sports Hall
£220	Contribution towards accommodation cost - Greenpower Trip (International Final)

Importantly, we have got the following events and fund raisers this half term for which your support is essential for their success:

- Christmas Raffle
- Christmas Fair (1st Dec'18)
- Christmas Concert (4th Dec'18)

Christmas Fair...1st Dec

Mark the date! This event is a big fund raiser for the school and the volunteer support needed for this is high. Initial requests for assistance have already been sent out but we need further volunteers to assist on both Mufti-day and the Christmas Fair. **Can you spare some time and help?** Please sign up using the Doodle links below and we will get back to you in due course. This request goes out to **ALL years** in the school and it would be good to see some new faces helping on the stalls.

We will be in touch soon with more information on the types of donations we will need for the various stalls at the Fair.

If you have a Scalextric set that could be used during the Fair, please could you get in touch with the PTA as we'd like to have a stall on this. The stalls we have currently are as follows:

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| - Chocolate Tombola | - Bottle Tombola |
| - Day Tombola | - Gifts and Crafts |
| - Supermarket stall | - Second hand books |

- Indoor Games
- Second hand uniform
- Homemade Cakes
- Toys and Games

Not forgetting the hot food and hot/cold drinks served in the canteen.

Thank you for all who have already put down their names on Doodle to help on the Mufti-day and on the day of the Fair. The earlier you come forward, the easier it is for the organisers to ensure they have enough cover for each stall. Register for:

Mufti day: <https://sgspta.doodle.com/poll/zifqc4hnip3whinh>
 Christmas Fair: <https://sgspta.doodle.com/poll/cm92qaz4gvqvzxls>

Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets have been sent via your son/daughter to you to sell on to family and friends. If they haven't been handed to you, please check their bags. There are three main prizes of £200, £100, £50 and a further three each of £25. The draw will be held during the Christmas Fair.

Additionally, as a small token of Thank You - the students of the Form that sells the most amount of tickets will be rewarded with some sweets/chocolates and the Form Tutor with a bottle of wine.

Double 100 Club (Edyta Zjawiony)



The "Double 100 Club" is a great annual fund raiser with around two thirds of the income funding PTA projects, the rest paid out in prize money. There is a special one off additional prize of £20 for the person who draws the number 200.

For a one-off £10 payment, you could win a cash prize in the draws held during the year, AND you will be helping raise money for the PTA. The draw covering December will be held in January to give you more opportunity to [subscribe](#).

Easy Fundraising (<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sgspta>)

Many thanks to those parents (and teachers) that have registered with Easyfundraising.org.uk and are helping generate donations for the school. In the last 30 days you have raised £154.00

Black Friday and the Christmas shopping season is coming up. For those who do shopping on-line could you consider doing your shopping via Easy Fundraising?

Joining couldn't be easier, simply access Easyfundraising.org.uk through your web browser and, after registering, choose 'Sutton Grammar School for Boys PTA' as the charity you wish to support. When you shop on-line, instead of going direct to your on-line retailer, go first to

easyfundraising.org.uk and then click through to your chosen retailer. This generates a cash reward that converts to a donation which is collected by Easyfundraising and then passed onto the PTA and the school; the price of goods you purchase is unaffected.

Join today and help raise money for the school the easy way.

Second Hand Uniform

Please consider donating good quality uniform to the PTA. We will resell items with our next sale being during the Christmas Fair and all monies raised go to the school. Zero cost of supplies = 100% profit!

What to do:

- put clean uniform in a carrier bag marked PTA Uniform
- ask your son to leave it in the school office

Mock Tests 2019

Can you help?

The vast majority of funds raised by the PTA come from running our ever-popular Mock Tests, which this year sold out within five days. Every year we need to recruit new volunteers to help invigilate and 2019 is no exception as we look to expand and enhance our offer; for this to succeed however we do need your help.

Could you spare us some of your valuable time to help invigilate these Mock Tests that will run over a number of weekends in May and June 2019? We are a friendly bunch and are always keen to welcome new faces. No prior experience is needed. If you can turn up on time with a smile on your face, put exam papers on desks when asked to do so and collect them at the end of the test, then you have the skills that are needed. There will be experienced invigilators working with you, guiding you through your session.

If you think that you may be able to help, please do email us at ptainvigilators@yahoo.co.uk

We will also be in touch next year to ask for your help putting together a team for the Mock Test Car Parking as we will need volunteers to assist with this as well.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Debbie Gates and Caroline Perkins
(Mock Test Administrators)

Classlist

For those parents who have registered on Classlist. **Thank You.** For others, please consider joining on this [link](#) as this website is designed with the PTA in mind and it provides a platform

for the PTA to communicate with parents as well as parents within a Form to communicate within themselves or their year group. We now have over 262 parents who have registered.

Benefits of Classlist:

- Making it easier for PTA to communicate with parents;
- Post messages and Announcements
- Fundraise and volunteer
- Easy to contact other parents in your child's Form
- Organise social events for your form (e.g. Coffee morning or even birthday parties)

Events

Below are the events that are on the PTA calendar, for which Event organisers would send emails separately requesting for support. Please assist.

1 st December'18	Christmas Fair
2 nd February'19	International Evening
16 th March'19	Spring Quiz Night

Next Meetings ...

The next two meetings will be held in Room 74 on

Monday 14th January at 19:30
Monday 4th March at 19:30

We look forward to seeing you at PTA events and working together for the benefit of the school!

Many Thanks,
SGS PTA
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