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5th October 2023

PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer



Swanland School PTA

The PTA held their AGM this week where they discussed the running of the association. For those who volunteered in 2022-23 we really appreciate your time and effort. We encourage as many parents as possible to get in touch and get involved. You may wish to join the committee, or if you feel you don't have time for that, you can become one of our event volunteers.



Last year was a very successful year of fundraising. We received income from Amazon Smile, The School Lottery, Bags 2 School, Cauliflower Cards and Nearly New Uniform as well as the money we raised at our events which included the Christmas Fair and The Summer Fete. Funds were raised to pay for SeeSaw and ELSA support, a whole school trip to the pantomime, books for every classroom, science equipment, trophies, curriculum resources and the PTA funded a celebratory bookmark for the King's Coronation. We hope to be able to continue to fundraise this year with the target of supporting the school to develop the outside play areas of school, to make playtimes that bit more fun! We hope you will support the events we run by volunteering and attending the events.

Our next event will be the Christmas Fair on Saturday 25th November where we have craft stalls, a café, Santa's Grotto, children's stalls, and more. Our next meeting will be on Monday 6th November at 7pm and we would love any new members to join us to help us plan the Christmas Fair.

Committee Members were re-elected and are:

CHAIR	Hannah Stephenson
VICE-CHAIR	Sally Patrick
TREASURER	Helen McClane
SECRETARY	Louise Greensmith
NEARLY NEW UNIFORM	Vacancy
SOCIAL MEDIA	Nicola Coates and Chloe Thompson

Useful contacts:

Email	ptaswanlandschool@gmail.com
Website	Click here
Twitter	SwanlandPTA
Nearly New Uniform	On hold until we have volunteers

PTA Events Website (events information and online payment system)

Purchase tickets for the PTA events ONLINE!

Click on the link to register and buy tickets: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/swanland>

Swanland School PTA Facebook Group

We have created a group on Facebook, currently we have over 200 members!

It is a 'closed' group, which means that anyone can find the group and see who is in it but only members can see the posts.

You must request to join it and PTA admin must 'accept' your request.

This way we can ensure that only people linked to our school can become members.

Please find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SwanlandSchoolPTA/> and press 'Join Group'.

Nearly New Uniform

Unfortunately, owing to lack of volunteers, at this time we are unable to continue to run our Nearly New Uniform Sale. Previously parents have donated good quality school uniform which the PTA organise and resell for a very small cost. **We ask that no further donations are made until we can gain volunteers to help manage this.** Volunteering to help with this involves about once a term, a small group getting together to organise and categorise the uniform and then helping to organise to lay out the uniform at events including parents' evenings, and responding to any uniform request that come in via email. We usually sell the uniform on an honesty donation basis, so stalls do not need to be manned. If you think you can join a group of people to do this job, please get in touch with the school office.



REMINDER: PTA Bag2School Collection – Friday 20th October

Please remember that the next Bag2School collection is on Friday 20th October 2023. Please [click here](#) for further information regarding the collection. Thank you.



REMINDER: School Start Times

Timings for entering the school at the beginning of the day is between 8.45 and 8.50 am. Gates will close shortly after 8.50 am and anyone arriving after this time should enter through the main entrance at the front of school.

REMINDER: Christmas Cards – Deadline Friday 16th October 2023

By the end of this week your child should have brought home artwork to be printed onto Christmas cards, gift tags or mugs. Please read the instructions on the paper form, complete the online order/make payment and return the artwork and paper form to school **by Friday 16th October**. (NB You only need to send back the artwork if you wish to place an order).





School Book Amnesty!

We are missing quite a number of school reading books; would you please check your child's books at home and return any that have the School's name on them (i.e., from our Library or from your child's classroom). Thank you!



ParentPay – Current Online Payments

- Year 5 Residential Visit to Robinwood (Deposit) – **OVERDUE**
- Year 4 Visit to Murton Park, York – due Friday 13th October 2023
- Year 6 Visit to East Riding Theatre – due Friday 13th October 2023
- Year 6 Residential Visit to Cober Hill (Deposit) – due Wednesday 18th October 2023

Dates
for your



Autumn Term 2023 Diary (→ [New Diary Item](#))

Friday 20th October – PTA Bag2School Collection (*see separate letter*)

Tuesday 24th October – Year 4 Visit to Murton Park

Thursday 26th October – School Closes for October Half-Term Holiday (3.20 pm)

Monday 6th November – School Re-opens After October Half-Term Holiday (8.45–8.50 am)

Tuesday 7th November – Reception Admissions Meeting for September 2024

Tuesday 14th November – Immunisation Nurse in school – Nasal Spray Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th November – Parent Teacher Consultation Evenings (*see separate letter*)

Thursday 14th December – Year 6 Visit to East Riding Theatre

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Hannah Stephenson – Head Teacher