

Newtown Primary School P.F.A.

November 2021 Newsletter

Hello

A great big hello to everyone.

The start of the new half term seemed like the perfect opportunity to introduce the P.F.A. to you all. Last year was a quiet year for us and all of our usual fairs and events were sadly unable to go ahead. This year we are pleased to say that we already have many plans in the pipeline that we hope you can come along to, or get involved with in some way.

What is the P.F.A?

Newtown Parents and Friends Association is a registered charity that works alongside the school to raise funds to enhance and support the teaching that Newtown can offer. Funds are raised through events such as raffles, fairs, quiz nights and discos before then being used to subsidise the cost of school trips, pay for resources, fund workshops and fund the Year 6 leavers' celebration. All of the monies raised by the P.F.A go towards enriching every child's time at Newtown.

Even though last year was a quiet year, we were able to raise funds that have already been distributed through the school to subsidise school trips. Each class has been allocated £400.00 to reduce the costs of trips – this makes them more affordable for everyone.

Getting involved

Every parent by default is a member of the P.F.A., but we are a committee chaired by Jodie Pownall (George and Darcey's Mum). Thank you to Jade Bowden (Jenson and Preston's Mum) for her time as treasurer and to Amy Barker who has now taken the role over. However, we always need people to step forward and get involved and help, we cannot raise the funds needed to support the school alone.

New committee members are required to maintain the success and running of the P.F.A. However, any amount of help is always welcome - there are always raffle tickets to be folded, tea to be poured and cakes to be baked (and eaten!). Involvement within the P.F.A. does not need to be hugely time consuming - the more people that get involved the lighter the load. If you are interested in getting involved, either speak to Jodie or message us via the Newtown P.F.A Facebook page.

The P.F.A. isn't only about making money for the school; it is about nourishing the school community, having fun and encouraging the social interactions between the families within the school.

Amazon Smile

Money can also be raised through the use of Amazon Smile - search for **Amazon Smile** and then **Newtown School Parents & Friends Association, New Mills EW**. If you confirm us as your charity, we then receive a percentage of your purchases. Since August this year we have already received £59.17- thank you to those already signed up.

Dates for The Diary

Due to the uncertain nature of covid and winter bugs, it has been decided that we will not hold a traditional Christmas Fair. Instead, we are taking the two most popular aspects - the raffle and the tombola and are going to hold an outdoor Christmas event where you will be able to try your luck on the tombola, as well as enjoying a smore (melted marshmallow and biscuit) and hot chocolate around the campfire. You can also join in with the raffle being drawn.

In the run up to this event there are numerous dates for your diary:

- Friday 3rd December - Raffle Tickets sent home
- Thursday 9th December (time to be confirmed) - Christmas Movie Night
- Friday 10th December - Christmas Non-Uniform for either chocolate or a bottle (or both)
- Monday 20th December - 15:30-17:00 Christmas Tombola Night

Many thanks for your continued support,

P.F.A.