

Welcome to our 1st Fundraising Newsletter. You will hopefully be aware of the fantastic work that staff and the PTA are doing to raise funds for our school. This year we really want to increase our fundraising efforts as the school is hoping to use the money for our wish list:

*** Purchasing IT equipment for the children**

* An outdoor Classroom * updating the small group room kitchen * A Sensory Garden

Sponsorship News

This year our Football Teams will turn out in a new kit kindly sponsored by David James Estate Agents (Girls' Team) and Acorn Tree Services (Boys' Team).

Thank you also to Emilio's Greek Restaurant for sponsoring a book donation (Caught in the Web Keeping Safe on the Internet).

A massive thank you to all of our sponsors.

We are also looking at other sponsorship ideas/opportunities, including:

- the children's Personal Organisers
- Summer Fair
- Christmas Fair

If you, or a business you know, are interested in sponsoring any of the above please get in touch with the school office.

Easy Fundraising



So far we have 51 supporters who have helped us raise £684.05 via easyfundraising (thank you).

easyfundraising is a great website where you can help raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers. Every time you book a holiday, buy insurance, a mobile phone or generally shop online, we receive a donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at:

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



The PTA (Parent & Teacher Association) is a way for parents to get more involved in the school by helping to put together and run fundraising activities that benefit the school and its pupils whilst being lots of fun for all of the families. The PTA is run by parents and teachers and some members are both!

All parents and members of the school community are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available. All families are automatically members of our PTA when your child joins our school.

Diary Dates - PTA meetings - All Welcome

Thur 28th Feb - 7pm at the Coopers Brook,
Mansfield Road

Tue 7th May - 3.35 at the School (Staff Room)

Christmas Fair 2018

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair at the end of last year. The children enjoyed taking part in the activity stalls and meeting our special guest; Father Christmas!

A massive thank you to all parents and staff who helped prepare for the fair, run the stalls, and tidy up afterwards - we could not have these events without the people who give up their time to help.

A big thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes, cakes and items for the stalls. This year a number of businesses also supported the Fair by donating - see page 4 for our business stars.

The Christmas Fair raised £1621.94, the money will be used to extend/improve the Trim Trail and to book LADA to perform the annual Pantomime.



Other Funding and Money Saving Quick Wins



Sign up to the School Gateway

Parent/Carer - If you own a smartphone please register with the 'School Gateway' app for free, this means we can send text messages completely free of charge. This is a big saving for the school!

To register please visit

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/register> or [download the app](#)

Please ensure that you have your **notifications switched on** in your phone's settings in order to receive an alert when a new message has been received.

Register for Free School Meals

If you receive Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance or Tax Credit please **register for free school meals** (even if your child does not stay for meals or if they are in reception, year 1 or year 2).



Are you entitled?

These Businesses donated prizes for our 2018 Christmas Fair Raffle

**Keith Hall
Hair &
Beauty**

**Leo's
Children's
Nursery**

**MBD
Plumbing &
Heating**

McDonalds

**Notts County
Football
Club**

**Olympic
Shaving
Company**

**Photo
Nottingham**

**Pirates Play
Centre**

**Play Football
Arnold Hill
Academy**

**Ramsdale
Golf Club**

**Sunshine
Therapies**

**The Eagles
Corner**

**The Robin
Hood &
Little John**

**Tumbletown
Play Centre**

**Ulyett
Landscapes
Ltd**

**Wrates
School
Photography**



Match Funding

This is such a HUGE fundraising opportunity that could really benefit your child's education.

We want to take this opportunity to tell you about Match Funding schemes and how a little bit of your time could potentially double the funds for the PTA. If you work for a company that has a match funding policy, any money you raise/help us raise could be matched/boosted by your employer.

Match funding (match giving) is where the company pledges a sum of money relating to the amount raised by an employee, or by an event. Sometimes they'll match it £ for £, or they might give a fixed amount.

Time off for charitable work - often larger companies will allow their employees a set number of days off during the working week to take part in charitable activities. For example, some employers allow staff 2 days per year to take part in charity work, and that's in addition to their annual leave! Useful activities for our school could be helping on a stall at one of our fundraising events, creating planting areas for the Gardening Club, etc.

Sponsorship/donations - a company may offer to sponsor a specific item or event. In return they'll get some free advertising. For example, donating funds, sponsoring an event/one of our Personal Organisers, providing food for a BBQ, prizes for a raffle/tombola etc.

Large/medium sized companies eg, high street banks, building societies, supermarkets/shops are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. An independent company may also be interested in charitable giving through match funding.

Do you work for a company that offers any of these schemes? - If you are not sure next time you are at work, please check your work Intranet, ask your Boss, HR or Office Manager whether your company has/is interested in setting up a scheme.

We would love to be able to benefit from the generosity of a match funding scheme. Please find out how you/Arnold Mill School can request funding/support and let us know. **Arnold Mill Primary School PTA is a registered charity (number 1045971).**

Alternatively the company can put their pledge in writing to the school/PTA via post or email (office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk)

Your help is hugely appreciated in accessing these potential extra funds for Arnold Mill Primary School/The PTA and all the pupils.

Thank you in anticipation.

Arnold Mill PTA

Diary Dates - Upcoming Fundraising Events

Summer Disco - 7th June

Summer Fair - 28th June

Christmas Disco - 8th November

Book Fair - 26 November - 4th December

Christmas Fair - 29th November

Other dates/events to be confirmed



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