

PTA Newsletter

**October 2020**

**Volunteers and ideas needed:**

The PTA is an important part of our school. We help to raise money to go towards projects that enhance our children’s school experience. Projects like the school library.

We could not run the PTA without our fantastic volunteers.

Can you help?

Have you got an idea?

Any way you can support us, big or small, we would greatly appreciate.

If you are interested, please contact us via email. PTA@gca.herts.sch.uk

**Christmas Raffle tickets are Back!**

We will be sending our raffle tickets with the children on November 2nd. They will be in books of 5 and cost 50p per ticket.

1st prize **£150,** 2nd prize **£100,**

3rd Prize **£50** and other prizes too.

Please place the ticket stubs and money in the envelope provided and hand into your class teacher.

If you would like more tickets, please email [admin@gca.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gca.herts.sch.uk).

Over half term we will be posting some fun craft/cooking videos on the school Facebook page. Please look out for them and have a go.

We would love to see what you make and the fun things you are doing over the holiday.

You can share your pictures on the school Facebook page or email them to either the PTA email or your year group email address.

Let us know of any amazing places you visit or will be visiting so that we can let other parents know about interesting things happening in and around Letchworth.

**October Half term.**

**Autumn/Halloween photography and colouring competition:**

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome to the new academic year. 2020 has been turbulent with lots of disruption and changes. Adapting has become a new skill we have all mastered!

We would like to try and keep things as normal as possible, while being safe and following guidelines. We are very sad that we will not be able to hold our spooktacular Halloween disco and Festive Christmas fair this year. We are hopeful that in the future we will be able to hold some of our amazing events again, but in the meantime, we are going to be trialling new, innovative ways to help raise much needed funds for our school.

We would be grateful for any support you can give us at this time.

**Half Term Challenge!**

We are running a competition for our budding young photographers. We would really love to see what autumn or Halloween means to you. Take a snapshot of anything relating to this theme. It could be a pumpkin you have carved or a tree with its beautiful golden leaves.

Email your photo, with your name and class to [PTA@gca.herts.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@gca.herts.sch.uk) or you can hand in a photo or print of your picture. Either way of submitting you photo is valid as long as we receive your entry fee by the closing date. The cost is 50p per entry. Please place this in an envelope with your name and class on it, then hand it into your teacher. The closing date for this competition will be Tuesday 3rd November.

***Spooky snapping.***

We will also be sending out a colouring competition. It also costs 50p to enter. Please stick your money to the colouring sheet and had back to your teacher by Tuesday 3rd November. The winners will be announced the following week. ***Enter if you Dare!***

**Easyfundraising:**

**Do you shop online?**

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for our school. Just start your online shopping at **www.easyfundraising.org.uk** then shop as normal. The retailers will then make a small donation to say “thank you”.

Easyfundraising have 3,757 retailers taking part.

The first time you go onto the website, it will ask you to search for a cause. Search for Garden City Academy PTA. It will then ask you to set up your log in details. On completion, you will be able to search for a retailer and carry on with your shopping as normal. In the future, you will just need to log in.

Retail therapy and raising money for the school at the same time. Perfect!