

# NPSA NEWS

## HELLO EVERYONE!

It's been a long time since our last NPSA newsletter, and the world feels like a very different place. Some things haven't changed though: our school community is still full of wonderfully supportive people doing their best to help each other through lockdown and out the other side. Throughout this time the NPSA Committee has been working with Ms Kennaugh to help wherever we can, while meeting regularly via Zoom to ensure we have plans in place for the future.

### AGM and the vacant role of Chair

One immediate plan is for our AGM, which will be held on **Wednesday 8th July at 7.45pm**. This year we'll be meeting via Zoom so - even though you're probably all as sick of Zoom calls as we are - it would be great if you could join us. We'll have a brief review of fundraising and expenditure in 2019/20 as well as a look at plans for 2020/21. As always, there will be elections for all the Committee roles, and we **really** would like to fill the currently vacant role of Chair.

**To join the AGM, please email [npsabath@gmail.com](mailto:npsabath@gmail.com) with 'AGM attendance' in the subject line, and we'll send you a link to the meeting. You will need to have the latest version of Zoom on your phone/tablet/laptop/PC.**

## BAGS2SCHOOL 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY

If you've had a big clear out of old winter clothes, or your children have outgrown practically everything they own, now's your chance to get rid of the clothing clutter. Bags2School will be making a collection on 3rd July.

Please use your own bags - bin bags or large clear plastic bags, which must be sealed - and drop them off on **Thursday 2nd July** in the white marquee just inside the gates to the school car park.

- If you have a child in school on Thursday you can drop your bags off as you drop off or collect your child (following the one-way route through the car park).
- If you do not have a child in school, please drop your bags off between 10am and 2pm.

**Please do not attempt to drop bags off at other times.**

Bags can contain clean clothes, pairs of shoes, and clothing accessories (belts etc), as well as any soft toys your children might have been persuaded to let go!

## SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

If you have any Newbridge school uniform (including current PE kit), in good condition, that you would like to get rid of, you can bring that to school at the same time. Please put it in a **separate bag, labelled "uniform", to one side of the marquee**. If you could remove or obscure any current name labels, that would be helpful. We hope to be able to hold a second-hand uniform sale before term starts in September. We'll be in touch as and when we're able to finalise those plans.

# FREE MONEY FOR THE NPSA

As you will all be aware, the cancellation of all our usual summer events - the raffle, the fair, the BBQ, the scarecrow trail - has left a big hole in the NPSA's coffers, as well as in our calendars. We have some socially-distanced fundraising ideas in the pipeline and we'd love people to volunteer to help with those - more on that below. In the meantime, there are ways in which you can donate to the NPSA for FREE!

1. **Giving machine** - start your shopping with Sainsburys, John Lewis, Tesco, Argos (and lots of other major shops) in <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/newbridge-primary-school/> and a % of your spend will be given to the NPSA for FREE!
2. **Amazon Smile** - start your shopping at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk), nominate the Newbridge Primary School Association as your chosen charity and again a % of your spend will go to the NPSA for FREE.
3. **Company matched giving** - it's worth checking with your employer if they match charity fundraising. If they do, and you'd be happy to use your annual allowance to support the NPSA, please email [npsabath@gmail.com](mailto:npsabath@gmail.com)

## DONATIONS

Throughout lockdown, we have been blown away by the generosity of our school community and your support for the school's food deliveries initiative. Whether through food collections, food deliveries, or food donations, so many of you have done whatever you can to help.

Many of you have asked whether we would like to receive more donations of food. As you will know, the government recently announced that their voucher scheme will now continue through the summer, however, it is not yet entirely clear how that will work. As a result, we do not yet know to what extent we might need to supplement government funding in order to ensure continuing provision of the support the school has offered so far. If needs be, we will buy food and other essential items through a local wholesaler, which will enable us to buy cost-effectively. If you would like to support the NPSA in doing this by making a monetary donation, that would be appreciated. Please note that in the event that we do not need to supplement the government funding, or more money is donated than is needed for that purpose, additional money will go towards the NPSA's ongoing commitments, including subsidising Forest School, school trips, and so on.

If you are able to help in this way and would like to do so, then the bank details for the NPSA are below. Thank you very, very much.

Newbridge Primary School Association  
Sort code: 30-99-86  
Account number: 82873168  
Reference: donation

## SUMMER EVENTS

We would really love to organise some socially-distanced fun and fundraising activity for the summer holidays. We have a few ideas, but we need more people to make them happen. If you would like to get involved in any way, please send a quick email to [npsabath@gmail.com](mailto:npsabath@gmail.com) and let us know your availability (daytime, evenings, weekends, XX hours per week) and we'll get in touch with more details so you can see how exactly you might be able to help.

Also, if you have your own ideas about how we can raise money and bring our community safely together, please let us know - we're very willing to help individuals/teams in putting events and activities together.

# THANK YOU