



News from the Friends of Whitefield PTFA. Hello and welcome to our first newsletter.



A few months ago we did a survey with Whitefield parents – to find out what you knew about the PTFA, what you'd like to see and how could we change things for the better. One thing lots of parents said is that we need to be a bit better at communication, so here is our first step!
Each term we'll send you a newsletter – letting you know what the PTFA are up to, how much we've raised and what we plan to spend the money on.

What is the Friends of Whitefield PTA?

For those who don't know the Friends of Whitefield (FoW) is our PTFA (Parent Teacher Friend Association). Its role is to encourage closer links between home and school, building a real community so we can achieve the school vision of Healthy Hearts, Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds. Our main goal is fundraising for school through events like the discos, cinema and the legendary summer fair.

If you have a child at school, then you're automatically a member of the Friends of Whitefield - it's your chance to play an active role in improving the school for your children. You don't have to come to every meeting or get involved in everything - giving your time once a year for half an hour at an event would be a massive help. Every event is organised and run by parents (and Whitefield staff giving up their own time).

Who are we?

Chair of Friends of Whitefield - Nic Simpson

I took over as Chair of the Friends of Whitefield earlier this year. What I quickly realised is there isn't one kind of PTFA parent. You don't have to be brilliantly organised or someone that 'joins in'. I'd only been involved in a few PTFA events and then suddenly I found myself as Chair! It's great fun and I'd encourage anyone to get stuck in.

I have two kids, Lily in Year 4 and Mia who just left Whitefield and is now at Penwortham Girls High. I'm always up for a chat and open to ideas, come find me on the playground or drop me a line.



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Volunteers – We need you!



We always need helpers for events. You don't need to help at every one, there are often small jobs you can do in the run up to an event to help out. The event we need the most help at (and have the least volunteers!) is the summer fair so please do think about helping then. Sometimes we ask for volunteers and get too many – we know it can be frustrating if you offer to help and then get turned down, but we don't want people hanging around doing nothing and getting fed up. If you're really keen to get involved, then please do come and talk to Nic or one of the other PTFA members as there's always the possibility of doing other fundraising events.

Friends of Whitefield **Event Dates**

November

Weekend of 24/ 25th
Christmas Tree festival
(at St Leonards church)

December

**Tues 4th Friends of
Whitefield meeting –
everyone welcome – venue
TBC**
Fri 7th Secrets room

January

Tues 22nd Quiz & curry night

February

Tues 12th Cinema

March

Tues 12th Bingo
Tues 26th Disco

May

TBC New starters eve
Weekend of 18/19th
Penwortham Live/BBQ

June

Fri 28th WWYW day

July

Fri 12th Summer fair

Question of the term!

Why do you make people leave through the back doors?

When you come and pick your kids up after discos and cinema we often ask you to leave through the back doors. We aren't doing this to be difficult! It's for two reasons – to keep the flow of parents moving in one direction so no one gets hurt and to make sure children are only leaving through one door, so we don't accidentally lose anyone.

Please remember that all volunteers are parents at the school and focused on doing things as safely and efficiently as possible. If you think there's a better system for any event then please do come along, help and get your voice heard.

Get involved and share your views

Roughly every two months we hold a FoW meeting to organise events through the year, it's a great way to share your ideas too – we try and make all our meetings child friendly.

We'll be having them at different times and venues during the year – keep an eye on the newsletter and school website for the date of the next meeting.

**You can find
the minutes
of all our
meetings on
the school
website**

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Summer Fair Success

Our summer fair on Friday 13th July was amazing – massive crowds and a huge amount of money raised, over £2000 profit!

Thankyou to every single parent, grandparent and family member – whether you gave to the raffle, tombola or water and wine stall, had your own stall or supported us with your pitch fees, if you took part in the bake off or turned up on the night and spent your hard-earned money. You're what makes the fair a success and ensures we have enough money to fund important items for school. And a final special thankyou to all the Whitefield children – what a talented bunch!

There were so many local businesses that provided raffle prizes and helped us out, here's who we need to thank...

BOOTHS
Buns &
onions
(FREE)

LIDL
Ice Cream &
hot dogs
(FREE)

SAINSBURYS
100
Doughnuts
(FREE)

**5th
PENWORTHAM
SCOUTS**
Use of tent

THE COW SHED
Ice cream pots,
spoons & bike
(FREE)

MORRISONS
Ice cream
toppings
(FREE)

Raffle prizes

Lyndsey Walker - Scentsy
Green Frog
Natasha Wilson Zumba
Energi
Jaime Kirby Zumba
Relish
Cat and Cow Yoga Studio -
Tarleton
Slimming World (at Whitefield)
The Nest
Thompson's Newsagents
Andreas Fish & Chips
Smyths
Barret and Coe
Guild Ale House
Amy Holden AquaStars
Pollit Creations
Hilton Lee Barbers
MFA Bowling
Beauty Lounge
Kickstart Training
Rascals
Pristine Car Wash & Autocare
Studio 28

How much did we raise?

Last year (2017/2018) we raised **£6541.66**.
That amazing amount helped pay for things like a reception party for new starters, hoodies for year 6 leavers and special Christmas presents for each class.
As we've had a few successful fundraising years we've just agreed to fully fund a very special project for school. We don't want to give too much away but watch the back field for some building work! More news to follow!

Chakra
Tap and Vine
Patisserie Valerie
Posh Tips Nail Bar
The Entertainer
Penwortham Post
Office
Hartleys
Kerry Woolrich
Hazel Wane
Thorntons

