

What's it all about?

It's not just all about fundraising!

The PTA is a fantastic way for you to get involved in your child's school. Our PTA is about much more than simply fundraising. We aim to provide a closer link between home and school, and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together to support the school. 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 the PTA when their child joins the school. We have raised thousands over the last few years and that is all thanks to the support we have received from parents, carers and friends. This money is spent on equipment or resources for the school to enhance our children's educational experience. So, no matter how big or small, your help and support is greatly appreciated.

What we have raised over the last year;

- Christmas Cards £260.28
- Spree books £92.00
- Christmas Fayre £1,138.39
- Salvation Army £47.89
- Cake Sale £45.19
- Mothers' Day Raffle £201.00
- Rainbow Day £92.10

What we have spent it on so far;

- PTA Hut contribution of £200.00
- Residential Transport £1,020.00
- Transport costs for Class trips £785.00

WHAT ARE WE FUNDRAISING FOR?

Once a year the school gives us a wishlist. This year's list included a contribution to new laptops and ipads; transport for class trips – two per class; a new pond for the wildlife area; repairs to the playhouse in KS1 area; and contribution to a visit from a Puppet Theatre.

WANTED!

We have one of our main fundraisers coming up – the Summer BBQ on Friday 28th June, after Sports Day. We simply can't put on this event unless we get volunteers to help before and during the event. If you are able to help in any way, please let Hannah Williams know via email (thurtonpta@gmail.com) or pop along to our **Coffee Morning on Wednesday 12th June @ 8:45am**.

If you know anyone who can match-fund this event, or any businesses that would like to run a stall or donate to our raffle please let us know.

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How do you get involved?



Join us for our termly coffee mornings; parents, carers and younger siblings are welcome. It's a great way to find out what's coming up in the school and to meet with Mr Barber or our Teacher Representative, Mrs Pyburn, other parents and carers. Keep up to date with all our events on our Facebook group:(www.facebook.com/groups/ThurtonPTA). You can also register for Classlist; it's a private social network for our school community (go to <https://www.classlist.com/> and sign up; search for Thurton Primary School). See our notice boards up in the playground and outside the school, or the PTA points section in the school's newsletter. We are always open to new fundraising ideas big or small, and if you can help in any way, the children will be incredibly grateful! If you can lend a hand, grab a PTA member in the playground or pass your details onto the school office.

RECYCLING POINT

You may have noticed the new Recycling Point in the school foyer. To teach the children about recycling and the throw away world that we live in, we are working with the school to get the children recycling! Currently you can recycle the following at our Recycling Point:

- **Textiles** – any clothes, textiles, shoes; no soft toys, pillows or curtains.
- **Oral Care** – any brand of toothbrush and outer packaging, toothpaste carton, tubes and caps, and electric and battery toothbrush heads.
- **Crisp packets** – Any brand of empty crisp, popcorn or pretzel packet.
- **Pens** – Any brand of pen, felt tip, highlighter, marker, correction fluid pot or tape, mechanical pencil and eraser pen. NO glue sticks, erasers, rulers or cutting objects.
- **Batteries** – Any brand of battery.

We are looking to add more items in the future such as baby wipe packets and baby food pouches, contact lenses and blister packs, and biscuit packets.

Mr Barber intends to hold an assembly on recycling; if you are a parent who has a particular interest in recycling please let us know if you want to get involved, thank you.

SCHOOL COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE

We recently sent out a questionnaire to the School Council to get feedback on what events the children most enjoy and what they would like to see more of in the future. Some great ideas were submitted and we will be working with the School to carry out some of these.

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What we have coming up in Term 3

Coffee Morning	Wednesday 12th June @ 8:45am	Coffee mornings are for all parents and carers to meet up in the school environment; the PTA provides the tea and coffee. Mr Barber also uses this as a forum for parents and carers opinions. Everyone is welcome, little ones included!
Ice Cream Sales	Every Friday after	Back by popular demand! We need volunteers

	school & clubs	to help please; a sign-up sheet is on display outside the office.
Fathers' Day Mugs	On sale from the 12th June	The children will be designing and painting their own mugs for you to purchase for Fathers' Day.
Table Top Sale	Friday 14th June	Having a Spring clean! If you are interested in having a table please contact Jayne Casey. Tables will be rented for a donation.
Rainbow Day	Friday 14th June	Children can come to school in non- uniform and bring in a donation for the raffle at the Summer BBQ; good quality items such as gift sets, chocolates, toys, alcohol etc.
Summer BBQ	Friday 28th June	After Sports Day in the Playground. There will be a BBQ, Bar, Cake, Games, Raffle & much, much more!



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