

Thomas Eaton Primary Academy

Parent Teachers & Friends Association

PTFA Highlights

We would like to say a big thank you for your support and to share with you how we raised money over the past year and how it has been spent.

Last year's PTFA Fundraising Events

Halloween Disco * Christmas Fayre * Christmas Coffee Morning * Valentine's Disco

Easter Coffee Morning * Film Night * Summer Fayre * Summer Disco * Ice Cream Friday's

How we have spent the money we have raised

Library Project

The PTFA were tasked with raising enough funds to relocate the library from a small dark room to the light and airy computer suite. It has taken two years to raise the money but we have turned this plan into a reality. The library has now moved, it has new books, new furniture and the room has been redecorated. The children are really enjoying the improved facility and you can see their love of books changing.



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Christmas Reward Day

The end of term reward was a trip to watch a pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, at the Maltings in Ely. This was part funded by the PTFA and it meant that all the children in the school could attend including pre-school. During the interval the children enjoyed a little treat, also provided by the PTFA.

We hope to help support this year's Autumn Term reward day too.



Life Bus

During the Summer Term the Life Education Centres 'Life Bus' came to Thomas Eaton, this was again partly funded by the PTFA. The purpose of the bus is to help children to develop the necessary skills, knowledge and understanding about the human body in order that they learn to make healthy choices.

Over the two days each class visited the high-tech classroom and had a lesson appropriate in length and content to their age and understanding.



Year 6 Year End Treat

Each year the PTFA gives money towards a year end treat for the year 6 pupils. This year the class went to Gulliver's Land in Milton Keynes. Our contribution helped with the cost of the coach. The children all had an amazing day, a memorable way to end their time at Thomas Eaton.



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Class Equipment

Throughout the year we are asked by class teachers to help purchase equipment. Last term we gave each class a reading den, which the teachers are cleverly adapting to fit with the topic that is being taught and a lovely bookcase to display books to entice the children to pick up and explore the content.

Early years have also benefited from some weighing scales, an outside table and wet weather equipment.



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Fundraising Events

We had some brilliant events last year, each of them memorable for lots of reasons but the main one being the enjoyment on the children's faces. One heart warming comment made by a year 6 *"This is the best summer fayre ever, thank you."*

We are always looking for something new or different, so if any of you have any suggestions for events we would love to hear from you. Last year we were really pleased when some of the KS2 children asked if they could have a Summer Disco, not something we had done before, so bring on the ideas and we'll do them if we can.

Thank you

Thank you to every parent / carer who let their child come to our events, donated raffle prizes, bought raffle tickets, came along themselves to family events and helped run events, some of which we couldn't put on without your help.

Thank you to the staff for supporting events, again many of these we couldn't do without you and for helping your class with artwork activities particularly at Christmas.

Thank you to the businesses both local and further afield for providing some amazing raffle prizes and of course sponsoring our Summer Fayre.

And a huge thank you to the children for coming along and having a good time, the smiles on your faces make the organising extremely worthwhile.

How to keep up to date with our news

We will let you know about upcoming events as soon as we can via



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- The noticeboard in the playground
- School facebook page
- Arbor
- Book Bags

And now

- The PTFA closed facebook group - Thomas Eaton PTFA
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2528501010543047/>

Please pop along and join!

How Can You Help

There are lots of ways you could help

- Bring any old pens or pencils that have run out or you no longer use into the office, we have a connection with a company who pays us for them
- Donate a raffle prize for one of our events
- Make a few cakes for our coffee mornings or fayres
- Do your internet shopping via 'The Giving Machine', this company gives us a % of the money you spend at no extra cost to you
- Pop any stamps you get on your mail into the office, most popular time to receive stamps are Christmas and Birthdays, again we can sell them to a company we work with
- Buy raffle tickets
- Man a stall at one of fayres
- Bring your old batteries into the office as School are collecting these to raise funds
- Allow your children to come along and enjoy the activities
- Come along yourself to family events

And of course we would love you to come and join the team, we are always looking for more people to join and help out with organising, securing the future of the PTFA, the more people we have the more we can make available to the children.

Come along to our Cheese and Wine AGM on 18th September at 7.30pm. We would love to hear your ideas and your feedback and you can get involved in voting on the committee for this academic year.



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If you would like to get in contact please see one of us on the playground or email us on Pta@thomaseaton.cambs.sch.uk and one of us will get back to you.

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