

Welcome

To keep you up-to-date with the activities over the school year, the PTA will be aiming to send you a Newsletter every term. We hope you enjoy our first edition and please get in touch with any suggestions or comments.

The PTA

The Laurance Haines School PTA (the "PTA") raises money for the *Friends of Laurance Haines School* Charity Number 1129337. All parents, carers and teachers are automatically members of the PTA which is run by a Committee that co-ordinates events and works closely with the School to identify areas where some extra funding can go a long way, for the benefit of all our children. This has historically included stocking up the library, funding educational school trips or contributing towards improvements to the School's facilities.

Your suggestions, comments and involvement in the events, however big or small, makes a huge difference not only to the fun and enjoyment of the events but to the amount of money raised. Please contact the Committee to offer your invaluable support – their details are at the end of this Newsletter.

Total Raised
2017-2018
School Year

£1,264.01



Years 5 & 6 and 1 & 2 Discos

Friday 17 November 2017 and Tuesday 19 June 2018

The PTA organised sparkling discos for Years 1 & 2 and 5 & 6. The children had an amazing time and fabulous fun was had by all. A superb mix of music was provided by Grant 'Footsie' Disco and great moves were shown on the dance floor at the Year 5 & 6 disco and Mr Marvel wowed the children at the Year 1 & 2 disco. **£184.14** was raised for the School. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Fair 2017

Saturday 9 December 2017

Laurance Haines became a winter wonderland on Saturday 9 December with activities including teddy, chocolate and bottle tombolas, lucky dip Christmas Tree, guess the weight of the cake and face painting. There was fantastic food, a display by the Zumba class, a performance by the school choir and of course a raffle with prizes kindly donated by local companies. The star attraction, Father Christmas also appeared! Thank you to everyone involved in making the event such a big success and helping us to raise **£918.75** for the School.



Mother's Day Gifts

Saturday 9 December 2017



The handmade bath bombs and handmade fair-trade tea lights with glass holders sold really well and we have made **£161.12** profit. Thank you for your support.

Please email the PTA with your suggestions on what you would be happy to buy for Mother's Day and Father's Day, to help raise money for the school next year.

How our fundraising has been used this year so far...

Birthday Books

The birthday children select a book as a present

Leavers Balloons

For Year 6 - *Explanation*

Peer Mediator Sweatshirts

The Peer Mediators are a group of specially selected children from year 5 who assist their peers in creating and maintaining positive friendships. The Peers wear the yellow sweatshirts at break time

Outdoor table football table

A hugely popular playtime activity – the PTA will be sponsoring another table for the playground

Lego Wall

An invaluable tool to help with interaction and nurture

Environment

The PTA bought biodegradable disposable cups for the children to use if they forget their water bottles and educational books on protecting the environment – these have helped the school achieve the Green Flag eco award



Upcoming PTA Fundraising Events

Further details will follow in upcoming School Newsletters



Your help to run events is essential – please do contact the Committee if you are unsure how you can help – even a small amount of help is gratefully received. If there is insufficient help, events may have to be cancelled and indeed we were sad to have to cancel the Summer Fair this year as historically the Fair raises a lot of much needed money for the School, and also provides an opportunity for us all to get together to have some fun whilst getting to know each other that little bit better.

We are now looking forward to another successful year of fundraising from September. Please come along to the next PTA meeting (date to be announced) to see how you can help. At that meeting we shall be setting out a schedule of fundraising events for the new School year, which may very well include a Car Boot Sale in the school grounds! Do you have any ideas? Please let us know.

Connect and chat with us

Don't miss out on the PTA news – follow us on Facebook and Twitter, visit our website page where you can see Minutes from the PTA meetings and please feel free to email the PTA any comments, observations and suggestions.



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Chair: Steph Lennox (Year 1) **Vice-Chair:** Lisa Cooper (Year 6) **Treasurer:** Christine Armstrong (Year 6)

Secretary: Becky Davis (Years 2 and 6)

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