



# PTA Newsletter

## September 2025

### Welcome to Our Newsletter

Hello, and welcome to our September newsletter! We would like to say a huge hello to all of our new Parkgate Primary children and their families, as well as a big welcome back to those returning to the school this year. We hope you all had a wonderful summer. We're already planning lots of fun events for 2025/26, and can't wait to see you all there!

### Events Last Year

We had a fantastic year in 2024/25, raising over £5000 for the school! Thank you as always to all of the volunteers who made our events happen, and to all of the families and friends who attended and supported them. We couldn't do it without you, and are very grateful to each and every one of you!

As you can see from the photos, the Halloween Disco saw some amazing costumes, the Christmas and Summer fairs were buzzing, and Springo Bingo was a laugh! The rain stayed away at Christmas, the sun shone in the summer, and there were lots of smiles at all of the events 😊

We hope we have as much fun this year!



### Uniform Shop

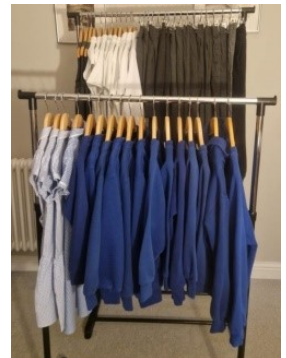
The second hand uniform shop was started last year, with the aim to help parents with the cost of uniform, reduce waste and help the environment. It proved to be very popular, and is an initiative that we plan to continue in 2025/26. The uniform is all very good quality, so if you need anything, do please pop along to a sale, have a browse and grab a bargain!

The first uniform shop of this year will be today (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September), in the school playground (or hall, depending on the weather) - we hope to see you there!

If you have anything to donate or can't make a sale but need some uniform, please contact Kim ([Kimirisbaker@gmail.com](mailto:Kimirisbaker@gmail.com))

Future dates (TBC):

- 21<sup>st</sup> October
- w/c 15<sup>th</sup> December



### Donations last year

We donated over £9000 to the school last year, for a wide range of causes, big and small. We supported the Christmas panto and Hero Hike trips and the Year 1 toy workshop, and are pleased to have been able to reduce the costs of these for parents.



We purchased keyboards and a sound mixer for the school, and made a large donation towards the cost of the new stage. These facilities are already being used by students, and will be available for our them to use, learn and perform on for years to come!



We also helped Year 6 to celebrate their time at Parkgate Primary, by making a donation to their leavers party and purchasing gowns and hats for the graduation event. Don't they look smart! These outfits will be used by subsequent Year 6 leavers in the future.



Finally, we made a couple of small, but equally important donations – for a classroom reading corner, the crackers at Christmas dinner, and the all important ice creams at Sports Day!



As you can see, the money raised by our events and fundraising is used to support the students of our school. We hope our efforts enhance their experience and increase their enjoyment of their time at Parkgate Primary, and we thank you again for your support with this!

### EasyFundraising

We've joined up with Easyfundraising, the UK's biggest charity shopping site, to allow you to raise money for the PTA when shopping online with over 8000 brands, including Sainsbury's, M&S, Tesco and Argos. It doesn't cost you a thing - just sign up, shop online, and watch the donations from retailers roll in! Please see the attached flyer for more info. [Sign up here >](#)





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### Our New Committee

A number of our PTA members moved on or stood down at the AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept, and a new committee was voted in. Ceri is the new chair, and Emma, Katie and Nicola are now vice chair, secretary and treasurer. We'd all like to thank Cassie, Tracey, Carley and Pete for their hard work over the years – it's been a pleasure to work with them!

#### Meet Ceri Jeffs (Chair)

Hello! I'm Ceri Jeffs, mum to Tabatha in Year 6 and a full-time self-employed Foot Health Practitioner. I've been actively involved with the PTA since Tabatha joined the school in Year 3, and it's been a joy to be part of such a warm, fun, and friendly school community.

I'm passionate about helping to keep that spirit alive by organising exciting events throughout the year. Together, we can create wonderful memories for our children while raising much-needed funds to support the school. I look forward to working with you all and hope you'll join us in making this year truly special!

#### Meet Nicola (Treasurer)

Hi, I'm Nicola! Mum to Aidan and Isabella (Year 2 and Reception) and part time worker for Regenology. I've been a part of the PTA for 2 years now, and have really enjoyed being involved. The PTA is a great group of men and women, fun and friendly, and I am looking forward to another year of working together for the good of our school!

#### Meet Emma (Vice Chair)

Hi, I'm Emma! Mum to Will in Year 5 and owner of a beauty studio specialising in bridal and everyday makeup and treatments. Fairly new to the PTA, I'm excited to support Ceri and help with creative and practical tasks.

#### Meet Katie (Secretary)

Hi, I'm Katie! I'm mum to David in Year 2 and Walter in Reception. I work at LJMU, managing technical teams within the faculty, and I'm excited to be the PTA Secretary this year.

I'm always happy to chat, so if you ever have ideas, suggestions, or just want to know more about the PTA, please feel free to come and say hi or drop me a message! I'd love to hear from you.



Katie, Ceri & Nicola



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### Events coming up this term

October half term is always a lot of fun – the children (and the adults) always love the Halloween Disco, and we promise this year will be just as good! After that, we are into November, December and Christmas!! It'll be here before you know it 😊

These are the dates you need for events this term – we hope to see you there!

19<sup>th</sup> Sept – Meet the PTA & Uniform Shop

20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Guess the weight of the pumpkin competition

21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Uniform Shop (TBC)

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Halloween Disco

24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Non-uniform day

4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Fair

w/c 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Uniform Shop (TBC)

19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Non-uniform day

### Would you like to join us?

We are a friendly bunch of mum's and dad's who meet once or twice a half term, to plan and organise fundraising events for our school, and we are always on the lookout for members! Whether you have lots of time to attend meetings and help plan things, or you have less time and just want to support us at an event, we would love to hear from you!

You don't have to commit to fully joining the PTA - we also have a wider group of people who like to volunteer at events and help in that way. If that's you, just let us know, or join the helpers WhatsApp group using [this link](#), or the QR code below!

To find out more, come and speak to us after school today (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept), email us at [pta@parkgate.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:pta@parkgate.cheshire.sch.uk), speak to Mrs Foster, or come to our next meeting!



PTA helpers  
WhatsApp group



### A heartfelt thankyou

As always, thank you to all of our parents, teachers, families and friends for your support and generosity. We were able to fund all sorts of things last year, something we couldn't have done without you, and we cannot thank you enough! **Thank you!**