



PSFA Newsletter

Parent's, Staff & Friends Association of Darrick Wood School

Welcome to our first Newsletter! We have had a fantastic amount of interest in the PSFA this year and wanted to ensure that we provide everyone with information about our plans for this academic year.

As many of you are aware, our last Chair (Karen Birkett) and Treasurer (Melvyn Green) made the decision after many years of service to step down from the PSFA Committee. At the AGM Meeting on 5th October several parents attending put themselves forward and were elected onto the Committee, this means that we can carry on the good work of the PSFA and continue to raise even more funds for our children's school.

The Big PTA Raffle 2020



A massive thank you to all of you who have purchased your raffle tickets so far. Tickets have now sold out.

The first draw is on **7 December 2020.**, and there will be a total of 12 draws and a chance of winning up to £5k. <https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/darrick-wood-sec-school-br6>

Design our Logo Competition

We want to brighten up our newsletter and our other communications so will be launching a competition asking pupils to design our logo. Look out for further information on this coming shortly.

Parent / Carer Survey
We need your help!

In order to maximise our fundraising efforts, we want to ensure that any events we run are appealing to parents/carers. We also want to make sure that we are fundraising for things that really matter to you and your children. Therefore, we plan to send out a short survey and ask all to take a moment to provide us with your ideas and feedback.

Our PSFA Committee Members



CHAIR
Emma McGrath



VICE CHAIR
Anne Sammon



SECRETARY
Toni Hey



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Amazon Smile / Easyfundraising



The PSFA is registered with Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising. Both these platforms provide free donations to us every time you shop with them. With Christmas coming, this is a really easy way to support the PSFA and help us to fundraise for the school.

Visit <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and nominate Darrick Wood PSFA as your chosen charity.

Use <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/darrickwoodsecondaryschoolpsfa> when shopping online.

PSFA Website

We have a new website, where you will find information on upcoming events and be able to volunteer to help out. You can find us at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/darrickwoodschooolspsfa>.

Our School Lottery

At the last PSFA Meeting we discussed the School lottery and it was decided that we are going to close down the current school lottery and sign up to a new, more simple to use lottery that will give members an opportunity to win much bigger cash prizes. Current subscribers will be contacted and new details of how to sign up to the new lottery are to follow.

PSFA Meetings

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings, which will now take place quarterly. We aim to keep meetings to under an hour and no ongoing commitment is needed. Whilst COVID-19 restrictions are ongoing, we will continue to meet virtually. Why not dial in to our next meeting to find out more about what we do, what you can get involved in and help us to generate some fantastic ideas for fundraising this year.

Our next meeting: Monday 11 January 2021 at 7pm.

School Uniform Sale

We were hoping to hold a School uniform sale in November, but this had to be postponed due to the second lockdown. It is likely that this will happen after the Christmas Holiday. Once we are able to set a date we will communicate this to all parents.

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