



Edgbarrow PTA Update

May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy time for the PTA and this year has so far raised £35,000 for the school. That's a combination of parental and other donations, 2nd hand uniform sales, Bag2School, the annual Sponsored walk, a virtual quiz night, Christmas raffle and virtual Christmas market, refreshments at school concerts, Careers Fair and many more activities.

The funds raised have gone towards a whole range of things for the school – new outdoor canopies to provide shelter, new basketball nets which have proved hugely popular at break times, new footballs, supporting the Christmas production and the upcoming prom.

Read on to find out how to get involved to help fundraise for the school, and to find out what's coming up later this term – including a much-demanded **secondhand uniform sale!**

Vacancies

We have two very important core roles that we need to fill.

Do you have a head for figures?

Our current **Treasurer** is stepping down in September 2022 so we're actively seeking a new Treasurer who can learn the ropes before then.

Great leadership skills? Love bringing people together?

We're looking for a **Deputy Chairperson** who would be able to step into the Chairperson role from 2023. You'll be able to shadow the existing chair for the next 12 months to ensure a smooth handover.

If you're interested in either of these roles, we'd love to hear from you.

Email us at pta@edgbarrowschool.co.uk

Even if you can't commit to either of those core roles, we welcome volunteers for single events or projects. Every bit of help, no matter how small, is hugely valued. Email pta@edgbarrowschool.co.uk to get added to the PTA mailing list or to find out how to join the PTA WhatsApp group.

Or better still, join us at the **next PTA meeting on Tuesday 14th June** in person at the School reception or online via Zoom!



Bag2School

Another Bag2School collection is coming soon. Bags will be sent home on 16th May so now's the time to dig out any unwanted clothing, shoes etc. More information about what Bag2School collects can be found here: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Crowthorne Carnival Marshals

The Crowthorne Carnival organisers have asked us whether any parents might be willing to volunteer as marshals for the Carnival which takes place on Saturday 2nd July. If you are willing to help take part in this fun event & parade, please contact Malcolm May at malcolmemay@gmail.com.

Crowthorne Carnival Stall

At the Carnival on 2nd July, the PTA will be running a stall. We'll need volunteers to help staff the stall. It's likely to be a raffle / tombola or game type of stall – all ideas welcome! We'll send additional details once we've got firm plans but if you'd be willing to give up 30 mins to help staff it, do let us know at pta@edgbarrowschool.co.uk.

School Uniform Sale

We'll be holding a school uniform sale on Thursday 14th July on the school grounds (exact location will be confirmed nearer the time). The sale of uniform for existing pupils of the school will start from 5:30pm until 6:30pm.

If you are able to give up some time to help us set up or to help tidy away please get in touch at pta@edgbarrowschool.co.uk.

****If you have clothing to donate, we are not able to accept donations just yet but look out for an email later this term giving more details.****

Spend and raise “free” funds for the PTA

If you shop online, it's really easy to fundraise for the PTA!

Easyfundraising

With Easyfundraising you can turn your everyday online shopping into FREE donations. Sites like John Lewis, Argos, Sainsbury's, M&S and 4000+ others are all in the Easyfundraising network. Find out more at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/edgbarrowpta/>

AmazonSmile

Amazon will donate 0.5% of every purchase you make if you shop through AmazonSmile. It's exactly the same as Amazon.

1. Visit smile.amazon.co.uk and sign in with your Amazon.co.uk details
2. Select Edgbarrow School Parent Teacher Association as your charitable organisation to receive donations
3. Start generating donations every time you shop for eligible items at smile.amazon.co.uk
4. Add a bookmark for smile.amazon.co.uk or install the Amazon Assistant to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile

You can also add it in your Amazon app.

1. Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App for iOS or Android
2. Open the app and tap (☰) to open all categories in Amazon. Scroll down to the list of Settings and tap AmazonSmile.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to choose your charity and turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping App.

Do you work for a company that does match funding for volunteer work?

If you volunteer for just a few hours at a fundraising event, you might be able to get your company to match the total or a portion of the funds raised. So even if you can only volunteer for a single event, you might be able to generate twice the funds for the PTA – and sometimes this can bring in thousands of pounds!

Ask your HR team if they know if the firm does charity matching or email the PTA and we can look the company up to check!

PTA Summer Social

We're planning to run a summer social in July. Look out for more information about this soon on [Facebook](#)!

Phew – that covers everything. Thank you for your continued support. We hope to see you at an upcoming fundraising event.

All the best,

Richard, Catherine, Hannah, Tanya, Ella and all at the PTA