



Castlefields Primary School

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Friends of Castlefields PTA Newsletter

March 2025

We're getting busy behind the scenes planning for our chocolate bingo event which we love to run. It's always an event we get asked to do every year, where possible. Last year's bingo was a great success, the kids love it and we hope to see you there! Tickets are still available.

Our new fundraising focus is for some additional KS1 climbing furniture and "loose part play & build" equipment. Please support our fundraising efforts; £2-3,000 is needed for this equipment!

We've had a few people ask us lately what the PTA pays for - we try to communicate this where and when it's possible; in the school newsletters, letters issued by school for trips and at our meetings, so keep your eyes peeled for this info in various places.

Below is a list of the **yearly** commitments we pay for and also ad-hoc requests made by the staff at Castlefields to enhance the learning experiences of all of our children, as and when they are needed.

Yearly commitments totalling around £5,000 every year

- Covering the cost of residential trips coaches - £3,500 - Year 3 & 4 JCA Condoover day trip, Y5 Residential, and Year 6 Residential
- Year 6 leavers party donation £300
- Sports day ice lollies for every child
- Easter egg for every child
- Christmas present for every child
- Snack for 120 x KS2 children on theatre trip
- Christmas Party pizza slice for every child

Extra provisions recently provided for:

- KS2 Clamber Stack **£17,000 (this is in bold as we're so proud and it took 3 years to fund!)**
- Forest school resources £570
- Magic show
- Reading shed £400
- Winning house team half termly prize for each child

We hope that everyone can see that we assist a lot in areas where school budgets cannot reach, and if we aren't regularly fundraising these 'extras' can't be funded. In the future it's possible we'll all see an increase in trip costs, especially the residential trips, as the PTA currently **fully** cover transport costs and prices are increasing year on year. It's crucial the PTA continues in order to cover the yearly commitments.

Chocolate Bingo

Saturday 5th April, 4pm-6pm

This has historically been a really fun event enjoyed by all, come along and be part of the fun. You may even win some prizes! Please purchase your tickets ASAP.

If you have any questions about this event, please get in touch with a friend who volunteers with the PTA or via our email: castlefieldspta@gmail.com

Bridgnorth Walk

Monday 5th May 2025

Please contact Hannah P on 07500 113688 to sign up. A great fundraiser for all abilities

Save the Date - Colour Run

Saturday 28th June 2025

After the success of last year's colour run we've listened to positive feedback and we are running this again! More details to follow soon.

Fancy volunteering?

There's a mis-conception that if you join the PTA you'll be asked to do everything and can never leave!! This is so far from the truth - you can join our casual volunteers WhatsApp group and dip in to whatever you can, when you can. Every little helps us! We're all working mums and Dads who chip in when possible. Please get in touch, parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and PTA kids all welcome!