



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

PARENTS, STAFF & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Year 7 Parent

We hope that your child(ren) has/have settled into The Ecclesbourne School.

We would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about the Ecclesbourne School Parent School & Friends Association (PSFA); how it helps the School and all pupils; and how you can get involved.

Over the last 10 years, the Ecclesbourne PSFA has donated more than £80,000 to the School - funding much-valued 'extras' - such as a laser cutter for the Technology Department; mental health workshops across all years; School atlases; whiteboards for the maths department; photography competition prizes; sports kits; and Prize Day awards.

In normal times, fundraising events take place throughout the school year and include support at Parents' Evenings (see below); provision of a bar at School productions; Nearly New Uniform sales; and our legendary Quiz & Chips evenings. Due to covid, many of our fundraising activities have been curtailed for 18 months, but we are now starting to resurrect them and would love to see some of our new parents getting involved.

Firstly, you will be experiencing your first Parents' Evening on 4 or 17 November. **At any in-School Parents' Evening, the PSFA runs a 50:50 raffle.** You will find members of the PSFA welcoming you to Parents Evening. They will be able to point you in the right direction to meet teachers and will also be asking you to buy a £1 Raffle ticket to help the PSFA (obviously if you wish to buy more than one ticket, that would be great and tickets are £1 each). All tickets are entered into a draw and whomever holds the winning ticket (which is notified through School), receives 50% of any money taken on the night from the sale of the raffle tickets, with the other 50% going into PSFA funds for school projects and activities. Our highest prize to parents so far was in excess of £100, **so please, DON'T FORGET YOUR £1!!**

We are also holding a **Big Christmas Raffle** to increase PSFA funds – and you will be sent a separate communication about this. Please consider supporting us by buying a £3 raffle ticket and you will also be in the draw to win over £5,000 in prizes.

On an ongoing basis, we ask all parents to sign up to EasyFundraising. Details of how to get involved with this can be found on the PSFA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=ecclesbourne%20psfa>) or by contacting the PSFA Chair, Jacqui Davis on 07977 578359. This is a really easy way for you to help raise funds for school from the comfort of your armchair as it's a shopping portal that offers a percentage fee from a huge numbers of retailers and literally costs you nothing, so long as you visit the retailer from the EasyFundraising site.



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### PSFA Recruitment

As we have been effectively “out of action” for 18 months, we have lost some of our valued PSFA Committee members and others will be moving on at the end of this academic year.

We are specifically now looking for a new volunteer to act as Treasurer with immediate effect. Although this volunteer role is not a large one, it is the most important one, as you will be in charge of the PSFA “purse strings” and our Treasurer is key to counting, communicating and co-ordinating the fundraising effort alongside the PSFA Chair and Publicity Officer.

If you feel you have time to dedicate to this role, please get in touch. We have attached a short job description below, so you can see what the role entails and full training will be given from our current Treasurer who is hoping to step down by Christmas, but will still be around to offer assistance and advice until you find your feet.

### Treasurer Role Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a Treasurer who is trustworthy and committed to supporting the School by providing clear, honest communication about funds raised. This is a great opportunity to liaise with the School and to make a real difference to the School experience for parents and teachers.

The key tasks of the Treasurer include:

- (For all fundraising events) provide float, count and bank money, refund expenses and calculate and communicate the event costs and funds raised at PSFA meetings
- Provide cheques to the school when donations are agreed
- Support the PSFA Committee, providing regular reports and balances
- Prepare annual accounts & liaise with independent examiner & Charity Commission
- Prepare annual report for presentation at AGM

If you think that you may be able to help and you'd like to know more about this opportunity, please contact the PSFA Chair, Jacqui Davis [jax32dd@gmail.com](mailto:jax32dd@gmail.com) 07977 578 359, or the current Treasurer, Martin Boyce [martinboyce@aol.com](mailto:martinboyce@aol.com).

And finally, we are holding our AGM on Wednesday 3 November at 7pm in the School Library. This is a great opportunity to meet the Head, hear about future plans for the School, meet PSFA Committee Members, find out more about PSFA and get involved. We hope you will be able to join us for this event and look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

The PSFA Committee