



# 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 and are enjoying 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; visiting authors; trips out; sports kits; and Prize Day Awards.

PSFA 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 were curtailed for 18 months, and since then we have been 'chasing our tail' to resurrect our regular activities and fill the coffers again, and would love to see some of our new parents getting involved – and that means YOU!

This year, we are also introducing some new fundraisers. We have already run our first Comedy Night; will be holding a Clothes Swap in October and are looking at the possibility of other exciting events as we speak.

We are currently looking for volunteers to take on the following roles:

- Chair (from summer 2024 at the latest)
- Treasurer (from summer 2024 at the latest)
- Secretary - required immediately
- Easy Fundraising promotion - immediate
- Raffle prizes and hampers - immediate
- Liaison with Duffield Community Association
- Bar stock - ordering/ collection / storage, delivery, purchase (in conjunction with another)

If you are able to get involved with any of these, we would love to hear from you.

If you think that you may be able to help at some of our events, or would just like to know more the PSFA, please contact the PSFA Chair, Jacqui Davis [jax32dd@gmail.com](mailto:jax32dd@gmail.com) 07977 578 359.



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## Where does the money we raise go?

Funds that we raise are stored centrally and school departments can put in “bids” for funding for their department throughout the year. We have recently approved bids from the Geography team for textbooks and fieldwork equipment; the Art department for paint, light panels, easels and projectors; a bid for anti-bullying training; a bid for football kit and footballs; and a bid from the Drama dept to fund a workshop.

## Autumn Term Activities

There are a number of events coming up this Term that you will be involved with, or may like to volunteer at.

## Parents' Evenings

Firstly, you will be experiencing your first Parents' Evening on 12 or 19 October.

**At any “in-School” Parents' Evening, the PSFA runs a raffle,** and you will find members of the PSFA welcoming as you enter the School, selling raffle tickets. They will be able to point you in the right direction to meet teachers, will have a map to help you find your appointments, can advise if any teachers are absent and will also be asking you to buy a £1 Raffle ticket – the proceeds of which go to PSFA funds and are used to fulfil bids from school departments (obviously if you wish to buy more than one ticket, that would be great - tickets are £1 each).

All tickets are entered into a draw and whomever holds the winning ticket (notified through School), receives a cheque for £50, with the rest of the funds raised going into PSFA funds for school projects and activities. And we are pleased to advise that you no longer need cash (although we still accept it) as we have a Sum Up machine to take card payments.

## The Big PTA Raffle

We are also hoping to hold a **Big Christmas Raffle** shortly. Please consider supporting us - buy a £3 raffle ticket (when released) and be entered into a draw to win over £5,000 in prizes.

## EasyFundraising

On an ongoing basis, we ask all parents to sign up to EasyFundraising to support the School. This support quite literally, gives the School “free money”...it is really easy to do and won't cost you a penny.



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It enables 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 number of retailers (and literally costs you nothing) so long as you visit the retailer via the EasyFundraising site. Some of you may

already be supporting another cause via EasyFundraising. If this is the case, please do consider changing your allegiance (as you can only support one cause).

To date, we have 144 supporters and have received over £3,700 from EasyFundraising since we enrolled in 2018. However, with over 1500 students on Roll that is a very low number of parents supporting us, and we would love to see that number increase substantially. Please consider enrolling and supporting The Ecclesbourne School for this great fundraiser.

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 578 359.

And you can even download a "Donation Reminder" bar for your PC, and a mobile app for your phone, so you need never miss a donation!

### Quiz and Chips

You may have heard about the PSFA's legendary Quiz and Chips which takes place twice a year – usually in Spring and Autumn. Our next Quiz will be held on Friday 10 November in School. It's a great night out with friends (you book a table of 8), we run a bar, selling wine, prosecco, lager, bitter and cider, as well as a range of soft drinks, and halfway through the Quiz we break to eat fish and chips provided by Nik's in Belper. Details of this event will be circulated in a separate communication, so watch out for it, as tables sell out fast!!

### New Event – Clothes Swap (see attached poster)

As mentioned above, we will be holding our first sustainable shopping event on 11 October in a bid to combat "fast fashion" shopping and the ever increasing amount of clothing ending up in landfill.

All are welcome – pupils, parents and the wider community and we also welcome all shapes and sizes.

The basic premise of the Event is that you bring along either 5 or 10 unwanted items from your wardrobe to swap for another 5 or 10 items brought to the Swap. You pay £5 for up to 5 items and £10 for up to £10 and can go home with the same number of items as you bring.



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You go home with a new wardrobe, happy in the thought that you have prevented more landfill!

So please come along and support this new event in October with your pre-loved items and please tell your friends!

## **PSFA AGM**

And finally, we are holding our AGM on Wednesday 4 October at 7pm in the New Theatre. 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