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# PTA News - September 2019

Welcome back to the new school term, we have been busy planning some wonderful new events for this academic year which we are looking forward to sharing with you all very soon.

Our AGM will be held at The Belfry Hotel on **17**<sup>th</sup> **September at 7.30pm**, it would be great to see some new faces to support us.

We have an updated figure for our fundraising efforts from last year after we won a Community Champion Award from Persimmon homes over the summer break and also some last minute donations our grand total for 2018/2019 was...

# £19,057.19

This is an incredible amount for us and we are all so happy that we can continue to help the school by funding new equipment and other little extras which will help enhance your children's school experience.

Events coming up very soon include

# Large screen Movie Night – September 7<sup>th</sup> Cambourne Campus doors open at 6.30pm

The Cinema screen is being provided by Star & Mouse and we are showing Mary Poppins Returns. Tickets are available at

# www.pta-events.co.uk/hardwickcambourne

As this is open to the public please select external when you are asked for the class.

Adults are £9, Children under 14 £5 and under 3 are free

We will have a licensed bar, hot food, popcorn and sweets available to purchase on the night, all money raised will go to supporting our fundraising for 2019/2020 and we very much hope to see lots of families there welcoming in the new school year and enjoying what will hopefully be a warm and fun evening. Come down for some food and a drink before settling down on your picnic blanket to watch the film, film should start at approximately 7.50pm. Bring a blanket to sit on and something warm to wrap up in incase the temperature should drop as night falls.







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# Hardwick turns 40! - 13th September 2019 – Hardwick Campus

Hardwick Campus will turn 40 this year and to celebrate a birthday bash is being held at Hardwick. There will be a 80s Themed dress down day for the children (Hardwick campus only) during the day for a suggested donation of £1 towards PTA funds, plus a 40<sup>th</sup> Party in the School Hall in the evening (full details to follow) but there will be hot food, bar and live music for the evening.

### **PTA-EVENTS**

We will be putting all of our events onto the new electronic platform as they are released.

# www.pta-events.co.uk/hardwickcambourne

This will enable families to pay online for most of our events. Tickets will be issued via email (where tickets are required) although you do not need to print these as we will ensure all children are given tickets in school. Registration just needs an email address. Payment can be made via Stripe. This payment platforms does take a small percentage which we do not receive but it does mean we receive the full amount of the event cost. Payment can still be made via the office but we hope this will make things easier for many who do not come to the school all of the time.

# **Fundraising**

We have been busy coming up with new ways to support the school.

We launched our **5p challenge** at both sites towards the end of last term. This is continuing into the new term and children can bring in 5p pieces to help fill up a 2litre bottle in their classrooms. Dig around under sofas and cushions and see how many you can find! This will be running until the bottles are filled. Children can bring in their 5p's at any time. Each class will be given £25 out of what is raised and they will be able to decide amongst the class what they would like to spend this on: a class party maybe or a new piece of classroom equipment! The remaining amount will be put towards improving ICT at School.

# **Spending**

We have purchased a large Storage Container for Cambourne which will hold sports equipment and ease the storage pressure within the school building, this should hopefully be delivered towards the end of September.

We have also continued to fund the School Sports Partnership and the Sum-dog subscription for the upcoming year. Language Nuts was a three year package and







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will continue to be available for the children to use. We are also committed to ICT improvements throughout the year.

# Upcoming events - some dates still to be confirmed

We will have our first bake sale of the year at Cambourne Campus with the Choir this side of the October half term.

Krispy Kreme doughnuts will also be making a return!

Open to all Family Photo Shoot with Richard Kerber – Takes place at Hardwick Campus on **5**<sup>th</sup> **October**. Sessions are £10 to book and can be booked online at

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Photos will be available to purchase direct from Richard and proofs will be sent out via the school. These make wonderful memories and are great gifts.

Christmas Cards, the children in Reception and KS1 will design a Christmas card in School, these can then be purchased as Christmas cards to send out, children in KS2 are able to take blank cards home to design if they would like to, proofs must be returned by **7**<sup>th</sup> **October** in order to be included in the order. Cards will need to be ordered by 23<sup>rd</sup> October and will be dispatched around 5<sup>th</sup> November. Further information will be sent out once the pack has been sent to us.

Bingo/Quiz/Race night at Cambourne planned around October time.

KS1 (years 1 & 2) Disco will be held after the half term break at Cambourne.

Step into Christmas at Cambourne – fun family afternoon with lots of Christmas activities and general festivities.

We are still looking for a Co-Chair at Hardwick Campus to work with Charlotte and the team at Cambourne, or as an event co-ordinator who can help with the admin side of things at Hardwick, if this is of interest to you please contact us at <a href="mailto:ptachair@googlegroups.com">ptachair@googlegroups.com</a> or <a href="mailto:nicola@lathey.net">nicola@lathey.net</a> and one of us can talk you through the role.

Our new **School Lottery** launched in January. You can sign up at any time via <a href="https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk">www.yourschoollottery.co.uk</a> search for Hardwick & Cambourne. A winner is selected every week from within our community of supporters and there is an additional chance to win £25,000 in a national draw. Please spread the word to any friends or family members who might like to support our school, as well as having the chance to win our lottery. Tickets cost £1 with 40% coming back to the school. Since January we have generated £647.20 through this brilliant scheme.







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**Easy Fundraising** is another commission based initiative that we are registered with. Please take a look at <a href="www.easyfundraising.org.uk">www.easyfundraising.org.uk</a> By clicking onto popular websites such as Amazon and John Lewis via their website when shopping online a percentage of your total spend is directly handed back to us without any additional cost to you.

If you would like to contact the PTA please email <a href="mailto:ptachair@googlegroups.com">ptachair@googlegroups.com</a> where we will do our best to help.

Thank you again for all of your support throughout last year, we couldn't do what we do without you. We look forward to seeing you at our many events we have planned for this year.

Many thanks

Nicola, Charlotte, Emily and all on the PTA



