



## Birch Copse School PTA - Newsletter

Welcome to our Winter Newsletter keeping Birch Copse parents and carers up to date with all that the PTA has been up to so far this academic year.

We have had a successful time fundraising. We have raised approximately £10,000 to date.

This has only been possible with the help and generosity of the parents, carers and staff at the school as well as the members and 'friends' of the PTA. A *huge thank you* to everyone involved.

The money raised is being spent on school essentials. More to follow from Mr Micklewhite and the School Governors later this term.

Successful events held this year so far include

- School Disco
- Quiz and Chips Night
- Christmas Fair
- Christmas Cards designed by the children
- Discounted tickets to Reading Football home games
- Production DVDs
- TheGivingMachine
- Your School Lottery
- Rags2riches clothes collection

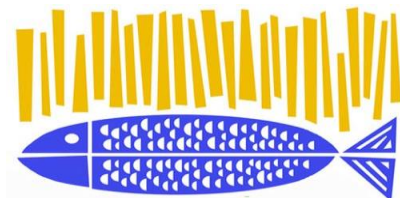
**Can you help?**

If you would like to help at events, join the PTA or simply be a 'friend' of the PTA then please get in contact. [chair@birchcopsepta.org.uk](mailto:chair@birchcopsepta.org.uk) or [info@birchcopse.org.uk](mailto:info@birchcopse.org.uk)

We welcome all and any help from parents and carers to help organise, run and support events to ensure they run smoothly and ultimately raise money for the school.

### Quiz Night

We held another Quiz and Chips evening in November which as usual was well supported. The Quiz raised approximately £1,200 with £150 raised for Daisy's Dream (this included the winning team's prize money).





### **Christmas Cards**

Again the PTA has offered children-designed Christmas cards for sale, using individual designs created by each child. This year the Christmas Cards raised a fantastic £670.

### **Christmas Fair**

We held the ever popular Christmas Fair in December, This year with a number of new stalls as well as some of the traditional Christmas Fair favourites. The event raised £6,880.

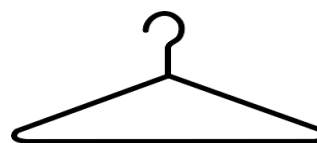


### **School Disco**

We held school discos in October and February for years 1-6. We have raised approximately £2200 from this very popular event.

### **Rags2riches**

We had 2 collections of unwanted clothing which have raised in total £388. Thank you to everyone who donated clothing.



### **Production DVDs**

We have raised £474 from the recording and selling of the School productions at Christmas.

### **Waitrose Tokens**

Thank you to all who shopped at Waitrose in January and picked up a green token to support Birch Copse Primary School. The school received £366 from Waitrose Community Matters.

### **Waitrose Community Matters**

We support good causes.  
You decide who gets what.





### Uniform Shop

We have run the uniform shop throughout the year. All profits are donated directly to the school.

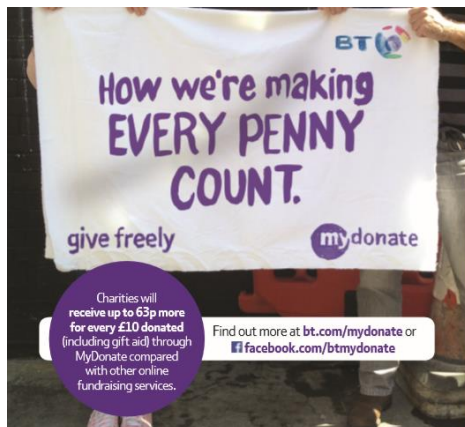
### TheGivingMachine Commission

There has been a real push to get people to use thegivingmachine this year. This has paid off with £166 commission so far this year (already double last year's total). Thank you.

**Thank you!**  
We couldn't have done it without your support



[www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk)



### Donations

Gift Aid a donation to the school through the newly set up charity account for Birch Copse Primary School on BT MyDonate.

If you'd like to make a donation directly to the school via the PTA (a registered charity) you may now do so through BT MyDonate. If you're a UK tax payer, this allows the PTA to collect the whole contribution and the full 25% Gift Aid (excluding any card fees).

Simply click on the link below, select Birch Copse Primary School and follow the on-line instructions.

[www.btplc.com/mydonate/index.aspx](http://www.btplc.com/mydonate/index.aspx)

(You may be familiar with other companies that offer this service but they charge for the privilege)

### *Your School Lottery*

We now have our own school lottery set up by the School Governors through the PTA! Click on the picture link to find out more... So far the YSL has raised £914.



Join our school lottery! All funds raised go to improving our school. There's a guaranteed prize every week for one of our supporters AND there's a chance to win £25,000!

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