



# Cardiff High School

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### Important Dates For Your Diary:

- School Autumn Concert - 6.30 pm 25/11/15
- Christmas Car Boot and Craft Fair - 29/11/15 - 1 pm - 3.30 pm
- PTA Meeting - 5.30 pm on 3 December 2015
- Summer Ball - 20 May 2016

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## Message from the Chair

Here we are with the first half term over and racing towards Christmas! Already we have had a car boot sale and that, together with the donations we have received from providing refreshments at school events, has given us a good foundation to work on for this year's fundraising efforts.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Julia and I am a parent and Chair of the PTA. I have had 3 children work their way through the school since 2002, with my youngest currently in Year 9.

I am also a Parent Governor and enjoy working with other parents and staff at the school.

It was great meeting some of the new parents at our informal meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> October. Lots of fresh new ideas for ways in which we

can help the school were discussed - thank you. If you think you would like to get involved or have some ideas of your own for ways we can support the school, please get in touch - we are always on the look out for supporters and being involved in events gives us a unique opportunity to become part of the life of the school. Despite it's success Cardiff High School still faces the same cuts as every other school in the City. Without our support and fundraising efforts they would not be able to provide some of the wonderful top class facilities they have installed over the last few years. Examples of the ways in which the PTA has contributed can be seen in this newsletter, and we really want to carry on enhancing the school life for our children for many years

to come. So please, if you can, get involved, get in touch - be part of it and make a difference. Some parents have had problems with the processing of the Standing Order Forms - with banks returning them. We apologise for this and have made some changes to the forms which should put this right, but if you are or have been experiencing these problems, please note that you can set up the Standing Order yourself if you have Internet Banking or drop the forms off at your local branch, so they see you sign the form. Hope to see or hear from you soon,  
**Julia Phillips Lewis**  
**Chair**  
**Cardiff High School**  
**PTA**

## A Sunny Start to the new half term with a Car Boot Sale - 1st November 2015





**Good Move !  
Thank You PTA**

## How Can I get Involved?

There are many ways you can contribute; below are some examples:

- \* By volunteering to organize or help at an event—can you help with refreshments, or perhaps act as a steward for the car boot sales?
- \* By signing up for the Lottery—an opportunity to raise money for the school and a chance to win a weekly prize (see below or our web page for details)
- \* Donate a Raffle or auction prize
- \* Do your shopping via easyfundraising—(see below and our web page for details)
- \* Attend just one event
- \* Come to PTA meetings and contribute your ideas. The next meeting is on 3 December look out for details on our web page.



**New Bike Stands -  
Thank You PTA**

***Would your  
business  
benefit from  
advertising  
in this space -  
If so please  
contact us***



**Taking the Strain -  
Thank you PTA**

## Fundraising Events for 2015/16 - Dates for your Diary

All information regarding our events will be on the Cardiff High School Website and information will be circulated to parents via Parent Pay.

Our next big event is the Christmas Craft Market (25 local crafters already booked) and Christmas Car Boot Sale, which will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> November from 1 – 3.30pm. Please join us for a bargain or handmade gift. Entry is free for shoppers and refreshments will be

available - as always provided by the PTA.

Some future events in the pipeline include

A Salsa Evening  
Quiz Night  
Boden Ladies Night

Already booked is the **Summer Ball** – a not to be missed event on **20 May 2016**.



**Anyone for Table  
Tennis ?  
Thank you PTA**

## Standing Orders and Gift Aid

Not everyone can give time to help the school, but would like to make a commitment of support.

This can easily be achieved through establishing a regular Standing Order donation through your bank account - either monthly, or annually.

If you are a UK Tax payer and tick the Gift Aid Box on the form then we can claim back an additional 25p for every pound you donate—so a donation of £1 per month

which has been gift aided is increased to £1.25 per month (£15 per year) courtesy of the Tax Man. With over 1600 students, a £1 donation on behalf of each of them would equate to a massive £24,000 a year and it couldn't be easier—just complete the form on the opposite page, and return to the school and we will do the rest. If you do experience problems or would like to set up your Standing Order via Internet Banking, please fill in the top

half of the form and return it for a Gift Aid claim to go ahead. If you have any queries about this or anything else please contact Debbie Macho our Treasurer (and School Business Manager) on 029 2075 7741 or e mail d.macho@cardiff.gov.uk.

Every penny you donate goes toward our commitment to a high quality learning environment for our children and we really need your help—please consider a Gift Aid Donation.

## Financial Donation Form - Please return to CHS

I wish to contribute the following sum to the Cardiff High School Partnership Fund via Standing Order:

£ \_\_\_\_\_ per Month ☐

£ \_\_\_\_\_ one off donation ☐

If possible we would like to treat this donation under the current Gift Aid rules. Please confirm by ticking the box if you are a tax payer. ☐

Please tick the box if you would like your donation to be anonymous ☐

Name: Title \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent of \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Please complete the payment mandate below—or set up yourself via Internet Banking )

### Payment Instruction Form

To the manager of: \_\_\_\_\_ (Bank/Building Society name)

Bank/Building Society Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/ (Bank/Building Society Sort Code)

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Account name \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in one of the following:

Please transfer £ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) each month ☐

Please transfer £ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (one off payment) ☐

To the account of the Cardiff High School Partnership details of which are:

Barclays Bank plc  
 Bank Sort Code 20-18-15  
 Account Number 60160776

(The Cardiff High School PTA undertakes not to change these arrangements until you advise us in writing (at the school))

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name in block capitals \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registered Charity Number 1063086

## ***A BIG THANK YOU***

Our first PTA newsletter is to thank all the parents who have donated to the school and attended events over the past year. Through you all our children now have the benefit of so many additional facilities including:

New bike stands  
A Fitness Suite  
Enhanced Computer Facilities  
Mobile Lap Top Trolleys  
Outdoor Leisure facilities – such as table tennis and chess boards  
Safety Netting around the Astro Turf Pitch  
A Cricket Strip  
A High Jump Mat  
New Keyboards in the Music Department

These things would not have been possible without your support and we know how much the school appreciates everything you do to help.

The pupils are constantly updating their Wish List (which can be viewed on our webpage) – under the guidance of the staff and it currently includes:

- Camera Equipment for the Photographic Club (which will then be used by them to provide the PTA with records of our achievements)
- Outdoor Leisure/Fitness Equipment

Please join us in our aim to provide our children with the facilities they want by attending an event, donating the price of a coffee by Standing Order or by buying one off us at a parents evening. Enter our school lottery (someone from the school wins the weekly prize and you also have the chance of winning the £25,000 national prize with every entry).

We intend holding another school raffle in February and we have an Apple I Watch already pledged as the main prize. If you know of a local business or are employed by a company who would consider donating a prize, please ask on behalf of the PTA. Any unwanted presents, tickets etc. would also be appreciated.

Don't forget, if shopping online for Christmas, use the easyfundraising app or go via the website [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). There 3000 participants in this scheme including Amazon, Argos, Next, John Lewis, Tesco and M&S. It is easy, doesn't cost you a penny, and the school gets a donation for each purchase.

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**Thank you to all  
our parents for  
everything they  
contribute!**

