



The Carrington Schools  
Parent Teacher Association  
Fundraising for the Infant and Junior Schools  
Registered Charity No. 1102086



# PTA NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM  
2024

## WHAT'S COMING UP?...



### Friday 3rd May

Bags 2 School collection at the junior school

### Thursday 23rd May

School Disco with Dave the Disco

£4 each on the door

Timings on Classlist

### Thursday 23rd May

Non-Uniform Day

£1 donation on the day

### Monday 3rd June (inset day)

#### **Legoland trip**

You are invited to Legoland Windsor for a day of fun on the school inset day.

The tickets are specially discounted for PTAs

Ticket Price: £20 per person.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE - Visit the Classlist event page

Ticket sales close Friday 3rd May

### Saturday 29th June

Annual Summer Fair!

All events and information can be found  
on Classlist

## What has the PTA funded over the last two years?..

- New music sound system for the Infants hall
- New interactive whiteboards in the Junior school classrooms
- Upgrade of IT suite (laptops) for Infant school
- School trip and residential coaches
- Forest school equipment (firepit, fencing, hammocks)
- Additional sports and outdoor equipment
- Diversity week experiences
- In-school theatre experiences
- Expansion of the school's library book collection
- and more....

# BUT YOUR PTA IS AT RISK!

**This coming September we need 3 new committee members to takeover!**

**Do you want to make a difference and help boost your child's school experience?  
Be part of helping to raise extra funds through a wide range of fun and creative initiatives, events, and much, much more.**

**We need a new Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary.**

**The Chair** oversees all PTA activity, runs the meetings and should make sure all committee members are familiar with the PTA's constitution, and their role and responsibilities as a registered charity.

You will need to be good at organising people, listening to others views and delegating jobs.

**The Secretary** supports the committee. Attends the regular PTA meetings, take the minutes and circulates all communication.

**You don't need to do it all! With a network of parents around you there are plenty to help out, run some smaller events and take on tasks.**

**THESE ROLES COULD ALSO BE SHARED**

**We have meetings every month so why not come along and see what it's all about?  
Or message us for a chat about it.**

**We would love to hear from you!**

*Kirstie, Kate, Jodie & Claire (Your PTA Committee)*

THE PTA IS AT THE HEART OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY, HELPING TO RAISE THE EXTRA FUNDS NEEDED BY OUR SCHOOLS TO FURTHER ENRICH OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND SCHOOL EXPERIENCE. THE EVENTS WE RUN HELP BRING FAMILIES, PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER WHILE HAVING LOTS OF FUN TOO.

**NO PTA =**

No more termly school discos

No share of the village fireworks profit

No annual Summer Fair

No Discounted Panto & Legoland tickets

No after school treat sales

No Christmas gifts designed by your child

**Most importantly NO EXTRA FUNDS FOR YOUR SCHOOLS!**

Personally, I can't quite imagine our schools without the PTA... since my eldest daughter joined Carrington Infant school back in 2017 we have always had a wonderful PTA and lots of fun events to enjoy each year.

At the start I didn't really know much about 'The PTA' but after a while when I sheepishly joined a meeting along with my newfound friend, another reception mum, and we started to help out here and there with small fundraisers. Little did we know that fast forward 4 years we would be taking on roles as co-chairs together.

Well, that was almost 3 years ago now and our time has come to handover... I'd like to say it's been a breeze... there have been some challenging moments but there have been many more that I have loved and felt proud. Proud for supporting our schools, doing something good and being part of a PTA that has helped raise what will be over £60,000 in our three years, funding those all important extras that our schools need!!

But what I'll take from the role most is the countless times I've looked around at the summer fair or at the end of a disco night and thought how much fun all the children and families had - the hard work had paid off!

And it's been even more worthwhile when my own children say 'my mum helped organise that' or 'PTA money has funded that'... They even enjoy getting stuck in themselves.

We understand everyone has busy lives, we have juggled our PTA roles with working and family commitments but it is very rewarding, you will have fun, make some new friends and pick up some new skills along the way.

***Kirstie Austen - Co-Chair***



**Back by popular demand!**

**Monday 3rd June (school inset day)**

**Specially discounted PTA tickets  
£20 each (adult & child)**

**Purchase unlimited tickets**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

Classlist event page - <https://bit.ly/4axxmhW>



# **SUMMER FAIR**

## **Saturday 29th June**

### **12pm-3pm**

**We are excited that the date is set for our annual Carrington Schools Summer Fair, the planning has already started, and we are looking for...**

- **Stallholders to attend - Are you a local artist, crafter, food producer or have a club or small business to promote?**
- **Advertising space is available in the fair programme.**
- **Grand raffle prizes - Could you or do you work for a company who could kindly donate a prize towards our Grand Raffle?**

**If you have any ideas for the fair, can help with any of the above or would like more information please get in touch on Classlist, Facebook or email [carringtonpta@gmail.com](mailto:carringtonpta@gmail.com)**

**This remains our biggest and best fundraiser and is always a fun-filled day for both our schools and community to enjoy.**

**We need lots of help from parents and carers on the day to make this another successful event, so we'll be in touch!**







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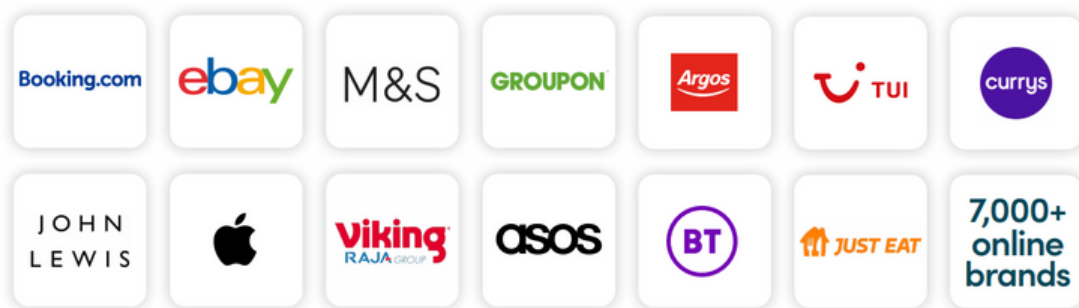
## Easy Fundraising is a brilliant way to raise free donations for our school!

All you have to do is sign up to support us and then when you do your normal online shopping, simply go via the Easy Fundraising website or app and you'll raise free donations for our schools.

There are thousands of retailers to choose from so don't delay.

Once you get started it's really easy and you can keep an eye on your donations building up!

Sign up today: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/carringtonpta/>



## Did you know we have a school lottery?

With a winner every week and it raises funds for our schools!  
It's a WIN WIN!!

All you need to do is buy a ticket or two and take part in the weekly school lottery draw.

The more tickets in the draw, the bigger the prize, with 30% of ticket sales each week making up the prize guaranteed to be won by a Carrington PTA supporter.

Each ticket costs just £1 per week, with 40p coming directly to our PTA!!  
Plus, every ticket is also entered into the nationwide school lottery....match 5 numbers to win an incredible £25,000!!

Join in today...



<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/carrington-infant-and-junior-schools>

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**SUPPORT THE SCHOOL**

The PTA is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better. Be part of the group that pays for the playground your child loves or funds the library that's their favourite place to be.

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**IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE**

Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as designing a poster, distributing letters or running a stall keep everything running smoothly.

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**MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS**

Meet and chat to a wider circle of families from different classes and year groups. Get to know other parents, and bond over exciting events, socials and get-togethers. Find a place to belong and spend time with others who share your values.

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**BE BETTER CONNECTED**

Create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community. If not, you'll still gain greater insight by seeing how things work from both sides.

**PTA+**

The home of school fundraising

**10 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA**

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**BECAUSE IT'S FUN!**

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hare-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.

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**CHANGE SCHOOL FOR THE BETTER**

Have your say on important decisions. Work with the school and other parents to see where improvements can be made, and implement them. Directly influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.

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**LEARN NEW SKILLS**

Everyone has something they can bring to the PTA, but you can also learn new skills by trading with others. Always wanted to perfect that cookie recipe? Not sure how to design a poster? Want to hone your public speaking skills? You can do it with the support of the committee.

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**IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING**

Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. Engaging with the PTA shows your children's education is important to you. Play your part in improving the school and watch them

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**IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS**

Everyone is welcome, and it's especially important to have dads and male carers represented, as male role models are crucial in children's upbringing. Dads can bring different skills; they can bring a different perspective, and they can bring along other dads.

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**CREATE LASTING MEMORIES**

Our children are only at school for a few years, but they will remember the difference we make for a lifetime. They will cherish the activities and games we fund, learn using resources we buy, and remember the events we hold. Help keep the PTA going so future pupils can benefit too.