

# Spring has sprung with Astbury St. Mary's PFA

A warm welcome to the spring term at Astbury St. Mary's. Especially to parents and carers of new children who now automatically become part of the Parents and Friends Association community. The PFA has already started planning fundraising events to enable enrichment activities for the pupils. Please read on to find out about the opportunities the PFA have planned, and how you can help to support our school...

## Join the PFA



### Your children's PFA need you!

The PFA lost some long standing, and valued active members at the end of last term.

We now need new active members, to help organise and run our events. Parental support is vital to fundraising and we need YOUR help please!

## Fundraising News

The PFA are delighted to announce that last term our small school raised **£946.17**, some of which funded the pantomime, school trip, school resources and a donation to Children In Need.



**BBC**  
Children  
in Need



£100 to each class for small learning resources/books (prior to this the teachers were generously buying things out of their own funds)

Pantomime – West End in Schools theatre company brought their production of Aladdin to Astbury on 12th December 2019 <https://westendinschools.org.uk/> The children (and adults) thoroughly enjoyed the performance. The PFA have already booked the theatre company to return in 2020.



The PFA subsidised the travel costs for the school trip to Peak Wildlife Park.

None of this would have been possible without the generous support of the Parents and Friends of Astbury School. A truly heartfelt thank you to you all for supporting last terms events such as the school Christmas fair & grand draw, Christmas film night and the Disco. We raised vital funds due to your generosity, and it was great fun too!



## Give as you Live®

Do you shop online? Sign up to Give as You Live and you could be raising PFA funds without even trying. It's free to sign up and costs you no extra as you shop. Just log into your stores via the GAYL site or app! [www.giveasyoulive.com/signup/details](http://www.giveasyoulive.com/signup/details)

The PFA committee would like to say a very big thank you to all parents, carers, staff, governors and grandparents who went the extra mile to support Astbury school last term. You were so generous, and we appreciate the help you gave along the way.

# THANK YOU!

### Do you shop at Astbury Meadow Garden Centre?

Astbury school has a reward points card at the garden centre. 5 points are awarded for every £1 spent. It is also valid for food purchases in the café. The Eco-club are grateful for any support.

### Second Hand Uniform Sale Coming Soon!

All monies raised go to PFA (school). Keep an eye on the school newsletter for confirmation of the date and time.

### School Trip to meet an Astronaut!

On Friday 8th November years 5 & 6 went to Alderley Edge School for Girls to hear an inspirational speech by Helen Sharman CMG OBE.

The themes were aim high, work hard and push outside your comfort zone. The children were privileged to meet Helen and have their photograph taken with her. The PFA helped with the costs for transport.

### Piano Fund

The piano in the school hall is old and had to undergo an ad-hoc repair following the KS2 summer performance last year.

The school choir and children having piano lessons need a sound instrument, so we are searching/fundraising for a replacement.

Is this something you could help with? If so, please let the school office or Head know.

### Spring Term Events

If we have enough volunteers we plan to have:

- School Disco in February
- Film night in March
- Easter Bonnet & Easter colouring competition

*\*These events rely on the participation and commitment of parents so please feel free to put yourselves forward to help\**



### Join Our Facebook Group!

Receive updates and reminders of upcoming events. It is a closed group so please ask a PFA member to invite you.