Hexham Middle School

FUNDRAISING NEWS…

Everyone enjoyed watching Home Alone for our second **Xmas Movie** night, raising **£535.60.**

Pupils loved shopping at our **Pop-Up Shop**. We raised **£440.46**

The **Xmas Disco** was a great night enjoyed by all pupils that attended. We raised **£535.60.**

Don't forget to follow us!
https://www.facebook.com/hexhammiddleschoolpta/

Watch this space …

Your PTA is committed to making all our events accessible to every pupil. We are working on a PTA support fund to allow any pupil, who might otherwise miss out, the opportunity to attend a PTA event for free.
More details to follow.

200 Club

July Winners
1st Prize £25	**2nd Prize £15**
Sarah Harrison	**Emily Ballantyne**

August Winners
Sharon Dobie	**Avril Hair**

September Winners
Miss I Robinson	**Lorraine Shaw**

October Winners
Mrs Cocker	**Julie Maw**

Summer £25 Draw Winners
Linda Smith, Melanie Charnock, Claire Duggins, Karen Watson, Pauline Venn, Mark Gradwell, Rachel Crawford, Viv Harrison, Lucy Josette, Fiona McCorquodale, Anna Gray, Diane McDonough, Stephen Livings, & Louise Coulson (who kindly donated her cheque back to the 200 Club)

Watch this space for exciting changes for the HMS PTA 200 Club coming in the New Year!

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Year 5 French Theatre Trip: £576

Selection Boxes for End-of-Term Celebration Assembly Winners: £140

A Big Thank You to …

Lucy Attenborough
Tony Brown
Becky Elton
Fionna McCorquodale
Niki McNicol
Heather Ramsay

…for volunteering your time throughout the year. Without you, we wouldn't be able to put on our PTA events for pupils to enjoy or provide our teachers with extra funding.

Tuesday 15 January: **PTA Meeting @ 7 pm**
All welcome to our first meeting of 2019. Meet in residents' lounge at The County.

TBA: **KS3 Movie Night**
Years 7 & 8, 6.00-8.00pm (details to follow after the holidays).

TBA: **Bags2School**
Please put aside any clothes, linens, shoes, towels, etc. for our next collection.

Meet Ruth Baxter

Hello, I'm Ruth and I have 3 children. George is in year 7 at HMS, Elsa is in year 4 at Sele First School and is looking forward to joining her big brother in September at middle school, and Sadie has just started reception at Sele First school. I have been a class rep at the Sele for quite a few years, and help out in the school library as well as the Sele PTA. I wanted to contribute to the HMS PTA as my children start to move on to this new stage. I understand how tricky it is to get the help and support needed when parents are not daily stood on the yard to drop off and pick up their children. All the wonderful and fun events that enrich our children's time at the middle school wouldn't happen without the dedication and time of parents willing to help out. My main role within the PTA is producing any graphics needed, such as posters to advertise our events in school. The PTA is a lovely group to be a part of!

Why Volunteer?

HMS PTA is always looking for volunteers to join our merry band! There is never any pressure to volunteer, you choose when and how often you would like to help.

Even a small amount of your time has big benefits for all HMS pupils and teachers. Volunteering also benefits you*!

Did You Know?

1. **9% of the adult population account for 51% of all volunteer hours.**
2. **Volunteering time makes you feel like you have more time.**
3. **Volunteering helps you develop new skills.**
4. **Those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer.**
5. **People report that the more they volunteer, the happier they feel.**
6. **Volunteering builds empathy, strengthens social bonds and makes you smile!**

*5 Surprising benefits of Volunteering

Why not come along to our next PTA meeting or send an email to
HMSPTASecretary@gmail.com
and ask how you can get involved!

Tchestita Shona Kersfeest Kaledu Koleda Weihnachten
Prejeme Nollaig Buon Noel Kala
Christmas Merry Natal Vanoce
Vesele Kalikimaka Jol Geseende
Kristnaskon Gledileg Christouyenna unnepeket
Keshmish Joyeux Kellemes Froehliche Kersfees
Vrolijk Natale
Gajan Sretan joulua Kellemes Linksmu Hari
Mele Hyvaa Karasonyia
Jul Selamat Bozic

Happy Holidays from your HMS PTA!