

# PFE SUMMER NEWSLETTER

## YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2018-19 school year was another very successful year of fundraising for the PFE at Emmanuel. With your help, along with the support of our generous local community, we were able to raise an incredible **£22,531.56!**

As with last year, fundraising methods that accessed external funds (eg, Easyfundraising, matched funding by employers and the class-led Trattoria stalls) significantly increased the PFE's profits for the year. The Trattoria stalls accounted for an impressive £4,534.56 of the above number and we are grateful to Trattoria for lending us their space.

PFE funds are spent on the 'extras' that are not completely provided for by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences more exciting and fulfilling. This year's fundraising has covered or will cover all or part of the cost of:

- A significant replenishment of the school's educational resources, including reading books, maths materials and science resources
- New dedicated sports kits so that the students can represent Emmanuel with pride at exhibitions and competitions
- A number of class trips and enrichment activities through the Trattoria stall opportunity
- Year 6 Leaver Hoodies
- Year 5 & 6 brass instrument hire and lessons
- End-of-year school disco
- Items for the Christmas lunch
- An outdoor tennis table

The fundraising focus for next year has not been determined yet and will follow in due course.

Our fundraising platform, BT MyDonate, ceased operations as of last month. Going forward we have elected to use Wonderful, as 100% of the donations and gift aid will be passed on to us. If you'd like to donate to the PFE directly, please do so here:

<https://www.wonderful.org/charity/parentsandfriendsofemmanuel>

## THANK YOU!

We extend an enthusiastic thank you to all Emmanuel parents and staff who have volunteered time and attended our events. We appreciate your energy, suggestions, generosity, helpfulness and support.

Thanks to Mr. Gerardo for his enthusiastic support during our events; his presence at the school will be greatly missed.

Thank you also to the Class Reps for your many contributions, particularly for your efforts with the class cake sales and Trattoria stalls. You provide an essential link between parents, classes and the PFE.

## THE PFE FOR 2019-2020

A few of our wonderful Class Reps will be leaving the school at the end of this year: Isabel Ron-Pedrique and Jess Fordham (6Mc) and Sylvie Williams (6D). We thank them for their engagement and support.

With respect to the Committee, Deborah Weston, Kelsey Shaikh and Renee Sunila will be stepping down at the end of this fundraising year. On behalf of us all on the Committee, it has been a pleasure to serve the school under the PFE's banner.

Coming into the next year, the PFE will urgently need volunteers for the following roles:

Chair  
Vice-Chair  
Communications Officer

Without these roles filled, the PFE cannot continue to operate as a charity and we will not be able to hold events or fundraise next year. Committee members will be voted in at the AGM which is to be held in September.

If you are able to get more involved with the school via a Committee role or a Class Rep role, please reach out to the PFE on [pfefundraising@gmail.com](mailto:pfefundraising@gmail.com).

## EVENTS

We'll be sending out full details at the beginning of the autumn term, but for now please note the following dates for your calendar:

Thursday 5 September @ 7pm (The Alliance, Mill Lane) – Come and informally brainstorm with us on how you might be able to help the PFE. We need many pairs of hands and a variety of different skills!

Friday 27 September @ 9am (Omega Building) – Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is an opportunity for all parents to attend and learn more about the work of the PFE, the events we organise, the funds we have raised, and how the money is spent. It is also the occasion when we elect our committee members.

## OVER THE SUMMER...

### Raffle and Auction Donations

We are in need of raffle and auction items. We would be grateful if you could tap into your personal and professional networks to see if someone you know might be willing to donate an item or service for the next school year.

### Easyfundraising

Have you been using Easyfundraising when you do your online shopping? Travel bookings are particularly lucrative for the school. It is free, easy to use and takes very little time to register: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pfe/>.

### Matched Funding

Through the efforts of only three parents, companies have paid or have committed to pay an impressive £1,050 for the school via 'matched funding' this school year. Many companies run schemes to support employees who are raising money for a charity, and the PFE is a registered charity. We are happy to help supply the necessary evidence for your HR department. If more parents look into their company's matched funding policies, we could potentially raise quite a significant amount for the school!

Have a wonderful summer holiday!

All the best,  
The PFE Committee