



Welcome to ASPA and Parents' Questionnaire

All families of pupils at our school are automatically members of the PTA, ASPA (Aston School Parents Association). ASPA has in the past run regular fundraising and social events for the whole school community and we look forward to being able to hold them in the future. Our fundraising efforts have enhanced the education and experience of all the children at the school and will continue to do so with your support. As well as our members we have a committee consisting of the Chair and Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. We are a registered charity and hold monthly meetings to discuss events. We rely on the help of volunteers such as yourself to man stalls, bake cakes as well as organise events, it really is a big combined effort!

Projects we have funded in the last 3 years include: In June 2020 we refurbished the library at a cost of £6,000, plus over £600 of spending on new books.



Spending £600 on new headphones for classes, £300 on new board games for wet playtimes, and replacing one of the whiteboards in the classrooms at a cost of £2,500. We are also helping with the purchase of a new projector for the school hall at a cost of £3,000.

Each Christmas we pay for a theatre company to come into school to give a show to children, in 2020 we paid for the Panto Online. We also help pay for school visits and trips making sure that no child is disadvantaged during their time in school.

In the past we have funded the KS2 trim trail, purchased laptops, even lockdown bears and much more!

Pre COVID, once a year we held ASPA Day, where we take over the school and have a day of fun. We have had circus days, animal visits, music workshops, bouncy castles, lego days, science workshops! It ends with a parent assembly and in 2020 we even linked up to a school in the US! We are very much looking forward to holding this again.

To fund all of this we have run a wide variety of events, more recently we have had to move things online, but we very much look forward to running events again for the children. Typically a school year has included:-

- Welcome / Halloween disco in the autumn term, split into key stages held on a Friday after school, and another disco in the spring term, the last one being a glo disco;
- Film nights where again split into Key stage groups, we show a film after school on a Friday and provide a snack;
- Christmas fair in school, with traditional tombolas, crafts, outside stalls and santa's grotto. This has also included the Christmas raffle;
- Selling refreshments at the school Christmas performance;
- Gift sales for Mothers and Fathers Day, which is a pop up gift sale in school for the children;
- Frozen Fridays, when the sun is out we would sell ice-creams after school on a Friday;
- Well dressing involvement. As part of the village well dressing festival we would invite the children to design the well dressing for the school. The winning design would be made into the school well dressing, this is

done in school by all of the children. As part of the festival we would raffle our famous baskets which always prove popular.

- We have also held fashion shows, chocolate bingo nights, and spring fairs in the past too!
- More recently we have held socially distant activities, such as selling spring bulbs, holding an Easter trail, a sunflower competition and zoom quizzes. We also held a sponsored read in December 2020, which raised an amazing £2,000 which we have committed to spending on books and resources for the new library.
- We have started to run preloved uniform sales mainly on school logo items.
- New for September 2021 is our very first pet show!

We are registered with Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising, both of which give us a % of your online shop with no cost to you. If you are able to register for either of these, then please do. Links can be found here [Amazon Smile](#) and [Easyfundraising](#)

ASPA is made up of parents, grandparents and carers. We are always on the lookout for new members who may be able to help out for few hours on a stall, supervise a film night, bake or just be very savvy with ebay and be able to source items for us! We meet each month to discuss plans and very much look forward to being able to meet in person in the near future. You can help as little or as much as you can, every offer of help is gratefully received. If you would like to receive notifications of our meetings, or join us then our contact details are below. At the AGM each September we elect the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in one of these roles, then please get in touch.

Finally, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the Committee if you have any questions. We are on Facebook (ASPA – Aston School Parents' Association), or you can email us at aspa@aston-on-trent.derbyshire.sch.uk, we also have our own web page on the school website - <https://www.aston-on-trent.derbyshire.sch.uk/aspa>