

March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's so lovely to see you all back at school...the PTA have missed you! So much has been taking place recently, so we wanted to share we you an update on the PTA fundraising progress and what the funds Raised are being spent on.

School wish list

During our AGM back in October, Mrs Harvey addressed the schools wish list for this year, which is as follows:

- New nativity set for the Altar
- Proposed bike shed near Reception/KS1 area.
- 2x Smartboards

Thanks to kind generosity, an anonymous donator paid for the new nativity set for the Altar. I am delighted to inform you all that the PTA have purchased 2 mini pods, which are to store bikes and scooters for those children in Reception and KS1. These are located in between these year classes and we hope that this will encourage more children to cycle/scoot to school; reducing traffic congestion, reduce the carbon foot print and support children's daily exercise intake.

Due to current restrictions, we have not been able to implement all of the fundraising events that we wanted to have take place this year, including school discos and of course our annual Summer Fayre. Although we are not able to fulfil the full wish list from the school, we hope that we can make a contribution of some quantity towards the smart boards. Alternative avenues to seek fundraising donations are currently in discussion with local businesses, so we shall keep you updated with the progress and possible success with these.

Next PTA meeting (via Zoom)

Our next PTA meeting via Zoom will be held on Thursday 6th May 7-8pm. If you would like to join the meeting, please drop us an email to request attendance login details, so we can monitor attendance.



Nearly New Sales

This month has seen the nearly new sales move remotely via an email ordering request service. Initial feedback has been promising and most requests have been made. The sales in March have already raised £102.50, so thank you to all of the families who have used the service and of course, thank you for all of the kind donations. So far this year, the sales have raised £168.50.

We are still seeking blue logo cardigans and jumpers, particularly of the size from 28" and above, so if you wish to donate any of these, please drop us an email stlaurenceschoolpta@gmail.com

We currently are unable to accept any donations of any other uniform items

Cake Sales

Our next class bubble cake sale will be taking place on Friday 19th March. If you are able to do so, please do bring in some donations, whether home baked or shop bought, both are acceptable. Please also bring in 30p to purchase a cake (60p for KS2 children so they can purchase 2). The classes will have honesty boxes this time to put money into, so no need to put the funds into envelopes. Cake sales to date this year have already raised £294.25.



Calendar

The school calendar that was sold just before Christmas raised a staggering £652.00!

Nativity and KS1 Production DVD's



Thank you to those families who purchased a DVD from the reception nativity and KS1 productions. We raised £556.75, so thank you for your purchases.

For those who are still yet to pay for the DVD's but have received them, we shall be sending you a courteous gentle reminder to bring the funds into school at your earliest convenience so these funds can be banked.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Mr Woodford, who over the years as part of the PTA has filmed the Reception Nativity and the KS1 production. Sadly at the end of July, Patrick's family will be leaving the school. Therefore, we are currently seeking an individual who would be willing to support with the filming of the nativity and production and to create the DVD's. We are

in liaisons with the school to see if there are alternative methods that we could use instead of DVD's, which of course we shall keep you updated. If you would like to express interest, please drop us an email using our pta email that is included in the newsletter.

Christmas Raffle

Thankyou to those who participated in our Christmas raffle. We raised £110!

Freeze Pop Fridays

This year, we shall be seeing the return of Freeze Pop Fridays. Due to current restrictions, we shall be doing this in an orderly fashion over a 5 week period, with a number of classes being provided with an ice pop to take home. We kindly ask for a donation of 50p and this will be put into honesty boxes. Closer to the time, we shall advise which classes are on which date, which will commence after May Half Term.

Summer Event (TBC)

It's without a doubt and fair to say that this last year has been a challenging and difficult for time for most of us. As most of you know the PTA holds an annual Summer Fayre; which due to Government restrictions, we were unable to hold last year and unable to hold this year.

However, the PTA would like to know how you would feel about us possibly hosting a couple of online activities, for example a virtual bake off, virtual cutest/funniest pet competition, guess number of sweets in the jar /name of the teddy. Small entrance charges will apply, but there will be of course incentives and prizes to be won 😊

We understand and appreciate that many of you have been working remotely and may not think that this would be a good idea. We want to work with our families, so if you wish to make any comments on this to support any decisions made, please drop me an email ...we'd love to hear from you! Closing dates for any comments to be submitted by 26th March. Decisions will be made after the Easter break.

In the meantime, I wish to thank each and every one of you for your continued support with the PTA. Your contributions allow us to continue to provide additional resources and events for your child to embrace and enjoy.

Keep Safe,

Nicola Brunton

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