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KSM PTFA - bringing parents, teachers & friends together
BY PARENTS FOR PARENTS - ISSUE 10 - October 2023

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all parents, carers, and members of our school community, both old and new. We have a lot of exciting activities and fundraisers planned for the upcoming year, and we sincerely hope that as many of you as possible can participate and help us support our wonderful village school.

This first newsletter of the new school year will allow us to introduce the new members of the PTFA but it also gives us an opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation towards Lin, Terri and Shantel, and all the amazing PTFA team for their hard work and dedication over the years in supporting our school.

The PTA is made up of 3 new officers:

Vicki - Chairperson. Vicki has Theo in year 6 and Sophia in year 4 and has been a member of the PTA for five glorious years! Vicki is a busy working mum so although might not make it to every event Vicki will be at the forefront of planning and organising and doing all the behind-the-scenes works to make these events possible.

Emily - Treasurer. Emily has Florence in year 5 and Pheobe in year 4 and baby Pippa who is one. Emily is excited to take on the role of treasurer and is looking forward to planning and organising the events and raising lots of money for the school.

Abi U - Secretary. Abi has Edith in year 2 and younger sisters Millie who is four and baby Bryony who is one. Abi is a new member of the PTA and is excited about her role as secretary and supporting the fundraising efforts to acquire new resources, equipment and experiences that will greatly benefit the children.

We also have an exciting new role this year:

Shelly - Social media secretary. Shelly has Thea in reception and Robyn in year 5. This is Shelly's first year as a class representative for Owls and also joining the PTA. Shelly likes to help out when she can to give the school a community feel, to help raise valuable funds and to get the children to have fun in the process.

- Uniform Sale every Tuesday @ 3pm.**
 We all know how uniform seems to disappear and how quickly the children grow, so why not help save the planet and save pennies. Every Tuesday the rail will be out, and you can buy uniform for a suggested donation of £1, please pop this into the envelope on the side of the PTA shed (next to the big playground gates)
- Cauliflower cards.**
 Create Christmas cards, labels, wrapping paper, mugs or spiral bound books using your child's artwork. These pictures have been done and the forms must be returned by the end of term (**Friday 20th October**).
- Glow Disco 9th November**
Keystage 1 5.30-6.30pm
Keystage 2 - 6.45- 7:45pm
 The ticket price £5 includes, disco hire and a squash drink, sweets will be available to pre-book for KS1 and KS2 will be able to purchase on the night. Full details will be sent out the first week of term. We look forward to seeing all the children's dance moves!
- Jumble Sale 18th November @ 2pm - 4pm**
 Having a clear out, we'll have it! Bring any unwanted toys, books, games, clothes and household items into the hall on Friday 17/11/23 by 5pm. There will be cakes and refreshments on sale.
- Bags for School collection- 20th November**
 Bags will be given out for you to fill with all your unwanted clothes (that you're not intending to donate to the Jumble Sale) - the more we have, the more we make! Bring into school on the morning of the 20th.
- The much loved Christmas film night is back!**
1st December @ 6.00 pm
 The children will be able to enjoy a Christmas movie out of hours with all their friends. Wear your cosy Christmas pyjamas and enjoy popcorn and a drink for £2.50. If you would like to purchase a hotdog in advance, they will be available for sale before the film at 5.30pm, but only by pre-order. The film is TBC as the children get to nominate in Voice of Values.

RETURN OF THE RAFFLE!

Rejoice, the raffles are back! We have some fabulous prizes up for winning, so we really hope to get your support and raise lots of money. All info will be uploaded to our Facebook page and payments can be made via PayPal. So hopefully it couldn't be simpler and opens up possibilities for wider friends and families to get involved, so please tell everyone you know and love! Details are TBC so watch this space.

- **KS1 Nativity - 6th and 7th December**
Mince pies, teas and coffees will be on sale from the PTA. More details to follow.
- **KS2 Carol Concert - 13th December**
Mulled wine and drinks will be on sale from the PTA. More details to follow.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate in fundraising, ensuring Lin's moto continues as 'we are all a part of the Kingston St Mary PTFA!' It's true, the more people become involved, the more we can achieve and the easier it will be. This does not mean endless meetings, events and lots of time, you can be involved as much or as little as you wish.

We are always eager to hear about fundraising ideas or you may have skills, or expertise in areas that would help us to achieve our aim of raising funds. We are all ears and open to ideas!

Our new online survey form makes this super simple, click on the form and let us know your ideas. This will also be circulated in the class whatsapp groups:

<https://forms.gle/McvToZXFRHmR2Fq98>

YEAR GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

Year R - Robin mum, Shelly
Yr 1 - Fleur and Rosie's mum, Sarah B
Yr 2 - Edith's mum Abi U
Yr 3 - Cohen's mum, Gemma
Yr 4 - Sophia's mum, Vicki
Yr 5 - Ella's mum, Liz
Yr 6 - Chloe's mum, Lisa

Don't forget to join your year group WhatsApp

Very good for last minute - 'Is it no school uniform day?' panics! If you are not on the group - speak to the office and they will pass it onto the year group rep.

PTA FUNDRAISING

PANTO - To reduce the cost to parents the PTA will be subsidising a whole school trip to see *The Octogan Theatre's production of Cinderella!* On Monday 11th December. Last year the trip to Exeter to see Robin Hood was a huge success with the children, therefore the committee wanted to help fund it again this year. Further details to follow.

IT EQUIPMENT - We are excited to share news of the new equipment the school will soon be ordering.. a complete set of new tablets and chrome books! This is a direct result of all the efforts from the PTA fundraising. We look forward to sharing pictures of the children enjoying and benefiting from the new equipment.

Our next fundraising project is new outdoor furniture for the Quiet Area. We will share more details on this in the coming months.

Please watch our Facebook page for up-to-date information.

Facebook: @KingstonStMaryPrimarySchoolPtfa

NEXT PTA MEETING:

Next meeting 21/11/2023 Tuesday - via Teams or in Person - location tbc.

Thank you for all your support and contribution!