

Hello!

We thought it was about time that we updated you on all the activities going on with your PTA.

We have been extremely busy since we came back in August 2023. We started off with our AGM. Your committee is currently made up of:

- CHAIR Jennie Henry
- SECRETARY Caron Stone
- TREASURER Rachel Hills

We would like to take a moment to thank Natalie Gibson, who stepped down as Treasurer, after 2 years in the position. We appreciate all you did for us.

We are also constantly supported by Claire Oxby and Charlotte Light. We would also like to thank the lovely parents who currently make up our 'Friends Helpers' WhatsApp group. These fantastic people answer our calls for help, no matter how big or small. They also share details of our events to your year group WhatsApps, and keep you informed of what we have coming up.

So, a round-up of our Autumn/Winter 23 events and their totals, and purchases made for school:

Event	Amount Raised	Purchases & Gifts for School	Amount
Christmas Fayre, including Raffle Wreath Workshop Garage Sale Christmas Bingo Christmas Disco Super Mario Film Night Christmas Cards Tea Towel Donations Refreshment Donations Pre-Loved Donations CAF Donations	£1640.95 £60.56 £248.66 £373.81 £472.13 £533.91 £421 £40 £169.03 £143.32 £75	Refreshments for the KS2 Panto Toys for EYFS Ks1 & Ks2 Theatre Contribution ICT Funding Autumn & Spring Term Class Gifts Summer Treat – Ice Cream Van Christmas Book for each child	£47.16 £119.92 £1158 £1000 £266.63 £333.60 £400

Thanks to your valued support in all our recent fundraising efforts, we have a healthy balance, which will allow us to go ahead with two big projects to improve school facilities for the children. After talking with Mrs Holt and other members of staff, we are hoping to undertake the following projects:

- A wooden structured, shaded area positioned by the cabin. There will be a bark floor and picnic tables underneath. This will offer the children much needed shade during the sunnier months. The tables will be available for use during lunchtime play so staff can get board games and crafts out for those who like to do something a little quieter. The space can also be utilised as an outdoor classroom area during the day.
  - We are currently getting quotes for this and hope that we can have it completed before the summer months.
- Our 'BIG' project is to turn the area that was once used for the chickens, next to Stepping Stones, into a Music and Sensory area. The area is currently very underloved and crying out for some TLC. The aim is to have various musical structures and then sensory planting, a small water feature and some clever seating. We have arranged for a local company to come take a look and hopefully design something fantastic. We are aiming to keep costs down by clearing the area ourselves, so if you can help us, please let us know!

Here are the events planned for this academic year. If you can help with any of them, please let us know, as we cannot run them without you!

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers Day Sale
Thursday 21st March	Easter Hunt at School for Everyone
Thursday 21st March	Easter Bingo
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Film Night, straight from school
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Casual Dress for our Colour Raffle
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Cake Sale
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Casual Dress for chocolate donation
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Casual Dress for Bottle donation
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	SUMMER FUN DAY
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Scarecrow Trail begins
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year disco

We are also looking into a Festival on the Field. The aim is to showcase all the amazing talents of your children and the whole community. We want to invite everyone to bring a picnic and just enjoy an afternoon of fun and entertainment! As this is very much still in the planning process, we would like to invite you to join us and help organise another amazing event. Creating these ties with the Community is so important and it just highlights how incredible we are at St Peter's.

There is the possibility of another Car Boot/Garage Sale as well. We just need to sort out a date.

Our PTA is a group of volunteer parents and teachers who work together to make our school a better environment for the children to learn. We raise extra funds through a wide range of fun and creative initiatives, events, and much, much more. Everything we do or provide is for the Children, and we do it all in our spare time.

We are a friendly, welcoming bunch of mums, who enjoy making a difference. If you would like to join us, please leave a message at the office. You could help us with something small, like collecting bread rolls! Or maybe you have the time and imagination to help us create a magical Santa's Grotto? Either way, we would love to have you on board! We have a Friends' Helpers WhatsApp group, where we ask for volunteers and if a parent can help, they help. There is no pressure, and you only give the time or help you can.

Finally, thank you again for supporting all our events, through your donations or attendance. We hope you will enjoy seeing the improvements being made to the School, thanks to you!

Friends of St Peter's



Thursday 7th March Friday 8th March

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The children will then get to shop on either Thursday We ask that you pre-pay no more than £5 per child. We are running a Mother's Day Shop this year. 7th March or Friday 8th March, whilst at school. Your child can buy gifts, starting at £1.

https://friends-of-st-peter-s.sumupstore.com Payments can be made using this link: product/mothers-day-shop

THURSDAY 21st MARCH

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM **EYES DOWN AT 6PM** 

**EXPECTED FINISH 7:30PM** 

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