



Supporting Our Children

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SMRP PTFA NEWS

Parents, teachers & friends working together to support
the St Mary Redcliffe Primary School community

Edition #3



DATES FOR THE DIARY

2 ND NOV:	PTFA AGM (3.30pm Main Reception)
7 TH NOV:	PTFA CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING
11 TH NOV:	QUIZ NIGHT
10 TH DEC:	WINTER FAIR
13 TH JAN:	YR3 & 4 DISCO

Hello and welcome to our first PTFA newsletter of the school year. If you are new to the school, a special big welcome to our parent/carer community. We hope that you are settling into your new routine and please let us know if there is anything we can do to support or help orientate you in these early days.

Holly and Alex have been leading the PTFA initiatives for the past year with a group of regular parents who volunteer their advice, time and skills to ensure that events can happen, and funds can be raised.

We had some great events last year with many parents, carers, teachers, and pupils, coming together to support the school with fairs, cake sales, class discos and many an afterschool ice lolly sale.

Our 2021/22 PTFA events raised over £7000 so we'd like to say a HUGE thank you for every donation and to everyone who volunteered, baked and bought. We can't run these events without your help so please get in contact if you can spare some time or would like to be involved.

With thanks from all of us on the PTFA Committee

VOLUNTEER & EVENT UPDATES

Quiz Night 11th Nov: Due to the success of our first ever quiz night last May, we are very excited to be running another 'Blankety Quiz' on Friday 11th November. Tickets are £5pp with teams of 6. There will be a bar, bar snacks and lots of laughs with our professional quiz master Luke Keen, who offers a Shooting Stars meets Blankety Blank style evening of fun and games. To register your team please email smr_ptfa@hotmail.co.uk.

Winter Fair Saturday 10th December: If you can put aside this date to help us, please do! We need lots of pairs of hands for set-up, to run stalls, and to clear away. We also need people to help with creative ideas, dancing, music, craft, or baking. If you would like a stall to sell your own creations, please get in touch. Or perhaps you can donate a raffle prize - or ask your company to donate a raffle prize?


Volunteering Opportunities: We would like to set up a pool of people that we can ask for help at events, sometimes it might be just half an hour needed on a cake stall, or an hour at a disco. We will put together a WhatsApp broadcast group to communicate this (to avoid it being a nightmare message hole) so please send us your number if you are happy to be on a 'PTFA Volunteers Notification' broadcast group. You won't be bombarded, and a little bit of your time can make big difference for us.

Class Discos: The PTFA runs class group discos throughout the year - which the children love! A time to dress up and dance away any pent-up energy from the week just gone, there are disco lights, posh dogs, popcorn, cake, drinks and fruit. This is a great opportunity to socialise as adults and children. Our next disco is in January for YR3 & 4 and we are always looking for helpers on the day. **£1 entry on the door (school hall entrance)**

PTFA CONTACT EMAIL: smr_ptfa@hotmail.co.uk

FUNDRAISING NEWS

We are pleased to share that the SMRP PTFA is the **WINNER** of the **ASDA Green Token Giving Award**. Out of the chosen causes, we received the most online votes and will receive a cheque of **£500**. Thanks to everyone who voted!

Cake Sale -with all the amazing cake donations we managed to raise **£280** – a fantastic start to the fundraising year. Thank you to everyone who donated and bought (and ate). Our school  cake!

Disco YR 1&2 – our first disco of the year went off with a bang! We were able to use our new disco lights and badge maker and thanks to everyone who helped and supported this event. We raised **£300!**

Art on the Hill – we received lovely feedback about the AoTH event. The kids really enjoyed the clay workshop and the art display looked fantastic. Well done to Mrs. Herbertson, and everyone involved in making this a well-attended and successful event. The PTFA refreshments raised **£130** with all proceeds going to the Art Department.

FREE WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PTFA

We know it's not always possible to support financially, however, here are **two** easy ways to support us at no extra cost to you!

Amazon Smile

If you shop with Amazon, please consider using Amazon Smile. It's the same as normal Amazon shopping but you initially go through the Amazon Smile website and select **St Mary Redcliffe Primary PTFA** as your chosen charity. It's very straightforward and can be used on the app also. A percentage of what you spend will be given to the PTFA. Here's the link www.smile.amazon.co.uk

Easy Fundraising

We are also registered with *easyfundraising* where you can shop online with over 4,000 outlets who will in turn make a small donation to your cause. Big donations can be raised from car and home insurance companies. Donations from these sites can really make a difference so please take a moment and sign up. Visit our page to register:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryredprim/>

GET SPENDING!

We work closely with the Heads of School to agree on a list of items the PTFA will fund and support. When we met them at the start of term, they gave us their wish list - which we are delighted to be able to support in full. Thanks to the hard work of the PTFA and the support from everyone in the SMRP community, **we raised over £7000** last year, and this is what we've pledged to spend it on:

- **First News Subscription** (newspaper for children)
- Soft furnishings for the new **Bookbarn**
- **Gardening tools** and equipment for the new Keda House and garden project led by Mrs. Radnor
- **Graphic Novels** for the Library
- **Badge maker** for events and art projects
- **Christmas 'Panto' Production Aladdin!** to visit the school (Monday 12th Dec)
- **PA & Lighting System** for the hall

Mr. Hewett explains why the school will benefit from a much-needed PA upgrade: *'During the course of the academic year, we are treated to various performances including musical theatre, parent bands, Rocksteady, keyboard, trumpet and guitar concerts, discos and weekly singing assemblies. A quality PA system with a mixing desk would allow quality audio to be projected - both inside and outside - at an appropriate volume. Having multiple input channels would also allow for live instruments such as keyboards, guitars, and vocals to be played simultaneously through the system'*

DID YOU KNOW...?

...you can also support our school by setting up a **Standing Order donation?** No amount is too small.

If **100 people** set up a standing order of **20p a week** it would generate an extra **£1040 a year** for school projects! The PTFA is also a registered charity, so we can claim Gift Aid on any donations made – meaning even more money for our school! Please ask for a Gift Aid form from the school office if you can support in this way. The PTFA account details are:

St Mary Redcliffe Primary PTFA

HSBC Sort Code 40-14-13

Account Number 03887545

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