

## Hello and welcome!

Here we are in Term 6 already! It's been another fantastic year of fundraising for SMRP. We are very grateful to everyone who supports us throughout the year and thrilled that so many people attend the events that we organise. We are also grateful to the volunteers who donate and contribute to the events, we wouldn't be able to run them without you.

The Great Bristol 10K and family run was a new event this year. We had a great response with 40 runners (10 adults/30 children) signed up and an INCREDIBLE fundraising effort which will make a huge impact to the plan for the outdoors project. The PTFA would like to extend a big thank you to Alex Hinds (Loki and Indigo's mum) for championing this event, putting in a lot of time to manage the entries and going on to secure match funding from Aviva. The school house garden will be renovated and made fit for purpose for the whole school to enjoy and without Alex's time and energy this wouldn't be possible.

We are already starting to plan the PTFA calendar of events for the next academic year. We welcome your input and comments so please let us know if there is anything you would like us to do (differently) next year. We are recruiting for two elected positions in the committee - Treasurer and Secretary - as well as active committee members, so please get in touch if you're interested in becoming a member of the PTFA committee.

### With thanks from all of us on the PTFA Committee

#### **SMRP SUMMER FAIR**

#### Friday 14th July, 3.30 – 5.30pm

We are very excited to announce this year will be a festival style summer fair with a line-up of music, interactive workshops and performances. There will be African FabDrumming, Loz Because Circus Skills, Bollywood Dancing, Groove Assembly Band and SMRP Choir Club all performing. BBQ, Bar, Bookbarn Book Club, Games, Craft, Raffle and Cakes! As usual we will ask for donations of soft toys, games and jumble and toys for age 5+. Books and knick knacks, cakes, raffle prizes, and lots of helpers on the day. Please get in contact if you can help out this year.

Outside stalls are invited and cost £10 to hire a table space. Please invite friends or neighbours to sell their craft/produce.

#### **CROWDFUNDING UPDATE**

Thanks to all your families and friends who supported the crowdfunding campaign which raised an astonishing £9,000 for the outdoor project.

This money will form the basis of the renovation and development work for the school house garden and Keda house area to make it accessible for forest school, SEN gardening sessions, after school clubs, and classes where outdoor learning can be accessed within our school grounds and used to enhance the curriculum.

We are working with the teachers to design an area that is fit for purpose and will provide a suitable outdoor learning environment for our children. Watch this space!

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#### **OUTDOOR PROJECT**

The aim of the outdoor project is to ensure that the outdoor areas are well maintained and accessible for the children to use on a daily basis. We invited a landscape architect to visit the school and provide a report about the grounds, opportunities to create more space, ongoing maintenance, and long term management of the green areas. The school house garden in particular needed to be cleared of mounds of leaves, weeds and rotten structures. Work has started on the garden clearance, thanks to Jennie Smith (Jonah and Anna's mum) and her colleagues from the Environment Agency who donated their time to come and make a start on the cutting back and clearance of the area. And to the parents/carers and children who have helped on recent Sundays to carry on the work.

There's plenty more to do and a regular gardening club has been set up to make sure the project keeps momentum. Next date TBA.

#### **TESCO BLUE TOKENS**

We have been accepted on to the Tesco Community Grants Scheme in selected Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from the first week of July 2023 until the end of September 2023. First place wins £1500, 2nd £1000 and 3rd £500. To vote, request a blue token at the till and drop into the appropriate box at the voting station found in the following stores.

- Bristol Clare St Exp BS1 1XR
- Bristol Paragon Exp BS1 2HJ
- Wine St Bristol Exp BS1 2PH
- Bristol Broadmead BS1 3DW
- Blenheim Ct Brstl Exp BS1 3LA
- College Bristol Exp BS1 5SP
- Bristol Canons Exp BS1 5TY
- Whitchurch Express BS14 9HX
  - Bristol St Nth Exp BS3 1HZ
- Bedminster Brstl Exp BS3 3NN
- Totterdown Express BS3 4RJ
- Bristol Axbri Rd Exp BS4 2RX
  - Brislington Extra BS4 5AY

To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here:

http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk

#### PTFA FUNDED PROJECTS 2022-23

- Bookbarn build including interior fixtures and fittings and soft furnishings
- ✓ PA system and disco lights
- ✓ Art funding for Mrs Herbertson
- ✓ Year 3 & 4 play licence and budget for costumes and props
- Gardening equipment including tools, bulbs and shrubs, planters and compost
- ✓ Early years story telling garden (coming summer 2023)
- ✓ Dec 2022 Christmas Panto
- ✓ Graphic Novels and Bereavement books
- Library refurbishment (due summer 2023)
- ✓ FabDrumming workshop for Years 2-5
- ✓ 'Loz Because' circus performance for Nursery, Reception and Year 1
- ✓ Leavers Books for Year 6
- ✓ Skipping Ropes for Year 6

# Thank you!

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