



PTFA NEWS

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Valentine's Cake Sale

Come and buy something sweet at our delicious Valentine's themed cake sale on **2 February** at 3.15pm in the school hall.



As always we welcome your donations, home-made or shop bought. You can bring donations into the office either before or after school on the day. Please put a name on your tins so you get them back.

Special diet cakes (gluten free, etc) are particularly welcome. **And please remember: no nuts!**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. Last term was a very busy one for the PTFA, **raising a record-breaking £11k!**



We have lots of events lined up that the children will enjoy, like a Valentine's cake sale and Mad March Hair Day. We're also trialling a Saturday night event: our Rockaoke evening will feature a live band and, of course, a well-stocked bar (see page 3).

We're so pleased to be able to raise such a fantastic amount each term, for purchases that directly benefit the children. We've given a substantial amount towards the new trim trail, and it's so great for parents to see where their money is being spent. This could not happen without our PTFA volunteers, parents and staff.

A huge thank you to all involved and those who've supported our efforts. Have a great term and we'll see you at the next event!

Joanna Michaelides
PTFA Chair
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DIARY DATES

2 Feb @ 3.15pm in the school hall. Valentine's themed cake sale.

9 March @ 3.15pm in the playground. Mother's Day sale.

10 March @ 8pm in the school hall. Rockeoke Night.

19 March. Mad March Hair Day.

28 April. Nearly New Sale. Details to follow.

NEW TRIM TRAIL ON ITS WAY

I am delighted to report that we have contributed an **amazing £13,000 towards the cost of a new trim trail** that you'll soon see being built.



Along with this, we have given £12,700 to the school to buy 32 new laptops for Key Stage 1 and £2,164 for eight new iPads for each of the Key Stage 2 classrooms. Last term, we raised a staggering £11,853 - with our largest fundraisers being the Christmas Fair raising £4,383, Fireworks Night raising £2,452, the Quiz Night raising £1,985, and the Christmas Disco raising £939. A massive thanks to our generous Lindt donation, helping us raise £1,115 selling advent calendars. And to all those who contributed to all or any of the events we ran last term.

Holly Pressly, PTFA Treasurer



ROCKAOKE - LIKE KARAOKE BUT BETTER!

Ever dreamed of being a rock star? Just missed out on your big break? Never fear, all is not lost. Come and join us for a Rockaoke evening on **Saturday 10 March** in the school hall.



Featuring a live band, a well-stocked bar and some awesome lighting, a great night is guaranteed. There's no obligation to perform, but with a professional band and supporting singer this could be your moment!

Whether you like to sing, dance or just have a drink with friends, come along for a fantastic night.

We'll kick off a little later than usual at 8pm to give you all a chance to eat before you come.

Tickets will go on sale in the playground in the run-up to the event.

TREATS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Come along after school on **Friday 9 March** and buy something lovely for your mum - or someone special - ahead of Mother's Day on **Sunday 11 March**.



We'll have a wonderful selection of gifts on sale in the playground. Everything will be £1 or 50p. There will be a separate table in the reception playground to allow the smaller children to see what's on offer.

NEARLY NEW SALE - SATURDAY 28 APRIL

Are you tripping over toys and clothes and is your shed about to explode with kids' equipment?

Fear not, the first St Peter's School Nearly New Sale is coming this spring! Put 28 April in your diaries for a good clear-out, or just a good replenish.



Everyone is welcome to hold a stall and come to the sale so please help spread the word. More details coming soon.

EASYFUNDRAISING UPDATE

In November, we ran our first **Easyfundraising Week** to encourage more parents to join Easyfundraising and raise funds for the school when doing online shopping.

The week was a huge success and we grew our number of supporters to 164 and raised over £600 in the final quarter of the year. Thanks to all of those who took the time to sign up and then shop!

Over the last year, we have had so many more supporters shop through Easyfundraising. In 2016, we raised £328 for the school. In 2017, we raised over £1,350. This is a massive increase and it is all free money for the school.

We had three lucky prizewinners from Easyfundraising Week too. Laura Bannister won a Pandora bracelet, Sue Wattenbach won a Bonn East voucher, and Kari Richardson won a coffee and cake voucher for Crema.

Not already signed up? Please take five minutes and join us on **Easyfundraising** to raise free donations each time you shop online with a partner company. Tell your family and friends too. From big names like Amazon and John Lewis as partners, there's no easier way to raise money.

Click on the link below to Join, Shop and Collect:

St Peter's Easyfundraising Page



Fireworks Night

November began with a bang with our annual Fireworks display on the first Friday of the month.



As well as the fireworks, mulled wine and ale kept out the cold while the children enjoyed snacks and illuminations from the glow bar.

Huge thanks to Morgan's of Farnham, the butchers on the Ridgeway, for their generosity in donating their delicious burgers and sausages free of charge for our BBQ. Their ongoing support for our events is greatly appreciated.

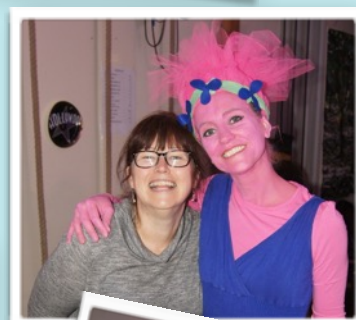
We have taken on board some feedback about the display.

HOLLYWOOD COMES TO WRECCLESHAM!

Thanks to all who attended our fantastic movie themed quiz and disco in October - we had over 130 people which was a record!

As well as testing their knowledge with the quiz, revellers enjoyed a gin bar, fish and chips and a disco late into the night, all of which made the event truly fabulous. The fancy dress was also outstanding!

The event raised £1,985 with £845 for Disability Challengers in memory of Amy Harris. Thank you to everyone who donated a prize for the raffle and silent auction.



GO MAD IN MARCH

Our 2018 Mad March Hair Day will take place on Monday 19 March.

This annual event is a firm favourite with the children. Colour, plaits, ribbons, spikes, anything goes! Hair can be as mad or bad as you like.

Come to school with crazy hair in return for a £1 donation. Collection buckets will be in the playground in the morning.

AUTUMN SALES UPDATE

We raised £292 at our autumn cake sale, and £503 from the sale of class tea towels and coasters with pictures drawn by the children. Great results!

YOUR PTFA NEEDS YOU!

All the money raised by the PTFA is spent on enhancing the school and its facilities. The trim trail, running track, outside classroom, polytunnel and sail shade are just some examples of how we are supporting our school and children with play and learning.

You might be a star baker or an organising whizz, an ideas person or perhaps you work for a company that could support with raffle or auction prizes.

Anything that you can do to help, no matter how big or small is much appreciated. Email your ideas to Jo at stpetersptfa@live.com

DOUBLE YOUR MONEY WITH MATCH FUNDRAISING

Many companies offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise or help raise.

For example, if you volunteer for part of a school fundraising event, the company may match the event's fundraising total or the part on which you volunteered.

We would be so grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they would be willing to match fund any of our events. If you aren't able to volunteer, please do let us know anyway if your employer offers the scheme as perhaps a colleague with a connection to our school might be able to. Thank you!

Other ways to support the school through your workplace include: **corporate volunteering**, volunteering for the school as part of your employer's volunteering programme (as an individual or team); and **pro bono support and gifts** in kind – such as printing services or donation of raffle prizes.

If you think your company will match your fundraising for our PTFA, then email stpetersptfa@live.com and we'll get back to you.



Join our new Facebook Group

Our **new PTFA Facebook Group** can be found by searching for 'St Peter's C of E Primary School'. The new group is closed and only open to St Peter's parents. It's a really useful tool for us to share information so if you are on Facebook, please request to join. Your class reps are all moderators and can accept you into the group.

Click on the link below to find us:

[St Peter's C of E Primary School Group](#)

CHOCOLATE HAMPER HEAVEN

A special thank you to Mr Sturgess who generously made and donated a chocolate hamper for the Christmas Fair. It was won by a very lucky Jaye Hodgson.



ADVERTISE IN PTFA NEWS

Do you have a business, service or rental property that you would like to advertise in our newsletter? For £30 you can have a 1/4 page advert and space on our PTFA notice board for a term.

All proceeds go to PTFA funds to support the school.



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CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

NEARLY NEW SALE
Weds 24 January

'Nearly new' clothes sale, just around the corner from St Peter's. Over 1,000 items of clothing and shoes from newborn to 16-year-olds.

Quality clothes from well-known brands such as Boden, Joules, Little White Company, Abercrombie, M&S etc, all at affordable prices – average £4 per item.

Next sale Wednesday 24 January from 0830-1830
Pop in – with or without children.

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FESTIVE FUN AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Huge thanks to all the parent and staff volunteers who helped to make the Christmas Fair such a success. The school hall was packed with parents and children enjoying the festive atmosphere.

The children had fun trying their luck at Christmas games, doughnut eating, face painting, table football and meeting Father Christmas. As always the chocolate tombola, kindly sponsored by Lindt, was a sell-out success. There were some great Christmas shopping opportunities for the adults and a chance to relax in the café area.

The fair raised an incredible £4,383. We also raised a further £22 from the sale of delicious Christmas Puddings by Sugarplum.

