



THE PTFA POST

ST PETER'S PTFA NEWSLETTER



We've had so many brilliant suggestions and ideas for 2020 – please keep them coming! We'd love to take some forward, so are calling out for more help. To find out about volunteering, please message Roz Bache on Classlist or email stpetersPTFA@live.com. We'd welcome any support, even on an ad-hoc basis.

2020 vision for a great year ahead

ROZ BACHE, PTFA CHAIR

Happy new term and new decade! We're looking forward to our 2020 fundraising and events – kicking off with our Valentines Day Krispy Kreme doughnut sale after school on Friday 14 February.



The PTFA Committee would like to thank the whole school community for its continued generosity and support – especially for the Christmas fair and fireworks event, which together raised more than £6,000!

Funds raised are paying for a number of vital resources including new reading books for class reading corners, iPads for KS1, data loggers for science, and improvements to facilities. We were pleased to provide eco-friendly Christmas crackers for the children's Christmas dinner too.

Thanks for bearing with us while we make changes to be greener. One aim we have is for all cups and lids at our events to be fully compostable. They do, of course, cost us money – so please bring your own re-useable cups to events where possible.

Read on for what's coming up and keep an eye on Classlist for more news. A 2020 highlight for us is to be working with Romans Estate Agents, who will be supporting our events and donating to us each time a school family uses their services (*see page 7*).

Have a wonderful spring term.

Roz



Treasurer's report

EMILY SCOTCHER, PTFA TREASURER



We had a great Autumn term of fundraising – and together we raised an amazing £8,700 for the school.

Given our current economic climate, this speaks volumes about the hard work and generosity of our school community.

As outlined by Roz, the money we have raised is being put to great use by the school. Books, iPads and facility improvements are exactly the kind of non-core resources that the PTFA is proud to fund and that make a huge difference to the lives of our children at St Peter's.

The introduction of card payments worked really well. Don't forget we are starting to offer online ticketing through Classlist, and we will have card readers at every event for busy areas like the entrance, bar and BBQ.

Here's to a great 2020!

Emily



NEW PTFA noticeboard

Please note that future events and news will now be available on our new PTFA noticeboard, located to the right of the playground entrance.

Diary Dates

Friday 14 February: Valentines Doughnut Sale

Wednesday 11 March: Mad March Hair Day

Wednesday 18 March: Preloved Uniform

& Book Sale

Friday 20 March: Mother's Day Sale

Friday 20 March: Quiz Night

Saturday 16 May: Summer Ball

Saturday 4 July: Summer Fun Day



FIREWORKS GO WITH A BANG!

Our fireworks event last term was a huge success thanks to the support of the school community and local residents.

We raised over £2,700, sold out at the BBQ and had a record number of attendees. We replaced our glow bar with a firework themed treats bar (for environmental reasons) and a hot chocolate stall – raising funds for the Y6 year books.

The 2020 event will see further additions and more space at the bar to accommodate the crowds.

All ideas welcome!



Thank you to Morgans the Butchers and
Travis Perkins for their generous and
continued support of our Fireworks event.



All glow at the disco!

The KS1 & 2 Christmas discos raised more than £1,000 and it was great to see all the children having such a good time. We trialled glow-in-the-dark face paint and ice lollies – and both were a hit!

Sadly, it was Miss Usher's last disco at the school. She will be greatly missed on the dance floor. *Thank you Miss Usher!*



Litter pick kit grant success



We're pleased to report that our application for a Learning Through Nature grant for litter picking kits and educational resources for the school was successful. Thank you to Sophie Rushmere of the school's Eco Committee for her brilliant letter in support of our application!



Self-raising funds

Our Chief of Cakes – Carolyn Haddon – and her team of Star Bakers did an incredible job baking for cake sales and cafés at events last term. The Autumn Term cake sale raised a fantastic £177.50 and was a sell out!

If you love to bake and want to join the team to help on occasions, drop Carolyn a message on Classlist.



Valentine's Day Doughnut Sale coming up on Friday 14 February!
Check Classlist for details!



'T WAS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY

Our Christmas Fair was a great success. You helped us to raise £3,395 in total, and we had lovely feedback from the children and raffle prize winners.

The fair wouldn't be possible without the generous donations and support of parents and the local community. Thank you especially to the class reps and class volunteers for all their hard work. Thanks also to Inne Broos for her awesome organisational skills, and to Romans Estate Agents for their marketing support and generous mulled wine donation for the café.

If you have any ideas for a Christmas event in 2020 we'd love to hear them. If you filled in our post fair feedback survey, rest assured we'll be taking all comments into consideration as we plan this year's fair.



Upcoming events

Pre-loved school uniform & book sale

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

This year we're adding books to the mix! You can donate your books in the playground on World Book Day (5 March) to be sold at the sale. More details will follow soon.

Any great condition school uniform for the sale can be donated at the school office (no stains or rips please).



Quiz Night

FRIDAY 20 MARCH



Visit Classlist for details for the upcoming Quiz Night. Tickets will go on sale the week of 3 February. This year's theme is Music with the fancy-dress theme of Song Titles! Contact event leader Helen Ward via Classlist for ideas and inspiration (*It's Raining Men?!)*



The Ball is back!

SATURDAY 16 MAY

By popular demand, the Summer Ball returns this year on Saturday 16 May at the newly refurbished Memorial Hall. It promises to be a great night of dinner and dancing, so dust off your glad rags and start getting a table together. Numbers are limited and will initially be offered to full tables only (eight or 10 people). We will be in touch with further details and tickets will be on sale at the end of February.





Romans

Donations pledge



Romans Estate Agents are now supporting the PTFA through help with our events, marketing, and a great new fundraising initiative. Romans will donate £250 for every completed sale agreed, £100 for every let agreed, and £50 for every survey or mortgage taken out through Romans by a family member of a pupil or staff member at the school. They have some great new ideas for supporting us in 2020 and we're really excited to be working with their lovely team.

What is the PTFA?

PTFA stands for Parents, Teachers and Friends Association. St Peter's School PTFA is a registered charity run by volunteers. Everything the PTFA does is to support its mission to advance the education of pupils in the school. The PTFA has a committee, which meets regularly, and a team of 'helping hands' who volunteer their time or expertise whenever possible. Email stpetersPTFA@live.com to join our Helping Hands group or find out more.

Below are just some of things PTFA funds have helped to pay for at our school...



Please remember that you can donate your ink and toner cartridges via the dedicated recycling bin in the school foyer. So far your donations have raised £267 and we've collected green points to spend on school resources.

If you have any ideas for fundraising through recycling, please contact Kate Buckland on Classlist, who's heading up all things eco for the PTFA.

Look out for details for other recycling drives coming soon.



Empties Please
Printer Cartridge Recycling

Recycle cartridges for £££s

OVER £185,000 RAISED FOR GOOD CAUSES SO FAR!
OVER 3,500 RECYCLE WITH EMPTIES PLEASE!

Join us on Classlist



Notifications driving you to distraction?! Classlist has recently made some changes, which mean you won't get as many notifications. There are also some ways you can decrease the amount of notifications you get.

Our top three tips are to:

- Get the app
- Change your notification settings via your profile
- Tap the bell icon under posts to stop receiving notifications about others' comments

Classlist is a really great tool, so please stick with it. Did you know there's a handy marketplace to buy and sell on there too?



Don't forget these simple ways to raise even more funds...



Do you shop online for your business? Love online shopping? Or perhaps you're about to book a holiday? More than 4,000 sites will donate to us every time someone visits their website via Easy Fundraising and makes a purchase. It's completely free and simple. You can set up a reminder in your web browser too. You've now raised over £5,000 through Easy Fundraising – thank you!



Select St Peter's School PTFA, Farnham, as your chosen charity at www.smile.amazon.co.uk and Amazon will donate 0.5% of everything you purchase.



Many companies offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by matching funds. For example, the employer of one of our Fireworks event bar volunteers is matching all the funds raised at the bar. Does your company have a match funding scheme?

