

PTFA POST SPRING 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Theresa Meredith-Hardy

We've had an amazing term of fundraising with everything from bake sales to Fireworks and our first Christmas cinema. As always, we really appreciate all the support from the school community, without which we could not raise the funds we have. We have lots to look forward to this Spring Term, but for now enjoy the run down of what we've been up to and what we've been able to give to the school as a result.



CHAIR VACANCY

To keep the PTFA running, we need a Chair! Unfortunately Theresa is unable to continue in her role, but is keen to help the PTFA welcome a new person into the role. If you are interested, please email the PTFA.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The PTFA is made up of parents and friends who are all volunteers and it is open to EVERYONE within the school community. We would love for more people to get involved, so please get in touch if you would like to help.

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MEET SOME OF YOUR PTFA TEAM



CHAIR: VACANCY
Theresa Meredith-Hardy



TREASURER:
Chris Mole



VICE CHAIR:
Victoria Goodlet



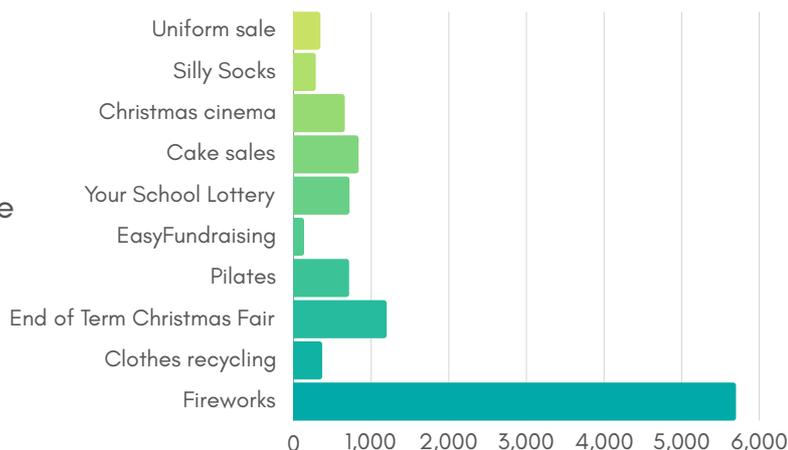
SECRETARY:
Caroline Peck

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHRIS MOLE

Thank you so much for your generosity and support in the Autumn / Winter term - together we raised over **£11,000** for the school! That is a phenomenal amount, and would not be possible without all your generous contributions and spending at all of the events so far.

We have a healthy bank balance to start of 2024 but have great plans to put it to good use.... Watch this space!



Thank you!

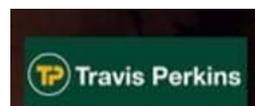
FUNDRAISING MADE SIMPLE

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Did you know we have a school lottery? Tickets start at £1, all profits (40p per ticket) go to the PTFA and we had a £25k winner in 2021!

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-peters-farnham

Great thanks to our Sponsors, without whom we could not put on the community events we do!



EMPLOYER GIFT MATCHING

Are you an employee? If your employer has a Gift Matching scheme (or CSR programme) and you're volunteering at a PTFA event, please be in touch and let the team know. As a UK registered charity we can provide you with everything your employer needs.

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JUSTGIVING DONATIONS

If you would like to make an anonymous donation to the PTFA (a UK registered charity), we encourage all UK Tax Payers to use our JustGiving Page to enable Gift Aid relief. This enables us to reclaim an additional 25p per pound donated.

www.justgiving.com/campaign/stpeters-farnham-2022-2023

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING?



FIREWORKS

After a bit of a delay due to the weather, we finally managed to put on our annual Fireworks night, and it was a great success. We sold out on the BBQ and hot chocolate stalls, as well as the Y6 treats and cakes stall. We had an extremely popular 'Glow dance Tent', and it was wonderful to see all the painted faces.

Once again we couldn't have done this without all your support, and with over 800 in attendance, we could see we managed to get so many of the school community there.

We managed to raise a whopping **£5,790!** Incredible! We hope this will increase further with some promised Corporate matching, but what an amazing amount. This puts us in good stead for the next big school project - more to come in the newsletter later.

Florence Caines won our 'Push The Plunger' - well done Florence!



Final thanks goes out to ALL of our helpers and sponsors, with special mention going to: The Guides for their help on the night, **Morgans Butchers** for donating ALL the meat, **Farnham Brewing Company** for donating our ale and lager on tap, **Travis Perkins** for providing all the electrical equipment, and **Charters** for permitting use of their advertising boards in the weeks prior to the event.

Thanks need to go out to our Corporate Sponsors: **Change Rebellion** and **ADP Security**, whose contributions for the event were extremely generous.

Lastly, we want to thank Pippa Barber, Emily Hambling and Caroline Peck, for organising it.

PRELOVED UNIFORM



The past year has seen Liria Dal Molin and Franki Stables take the reins of our ever growing Preloved Uniform initiative. We appreciate the donations (keep them coming) and have established a large stock level. But with one constant problem - **MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Could you be part of a regular 'Team' of 3-4 people to share the weekly tasks of handling orders and collecting them from the Uniform Cupboard?

If so, please contact:

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SILLY SOCKS AND CAKES

St Peter's came out in force with an outstanding array of colourful sockwear on Friday 8th December. We raised a wonderful sum of **£287.48** which enabled us to provide eco crackers for the children at their Christmas lunch. The PTFA will be bringing some St Peter's favourite themed days back in 2024...

A huge thanks to Nina Campbell, star bakers and the Y2 and Y3 volunteers who prepared a festive spread of sweet delights. The Y2 children participated in a cake-decorating workshop to bring us Christmas alien cupcakes!

Thank you for your generous donations of baked and bought goodies which allow these events to run. We raised a sweet sum of over **£400** you must all have been hungry!





CHRISTMAS CINEMA

On November 25th we organised not one, but two showings of Christmas films: The Muppet Christmas Carol, and The Grinch. We provided hot drinks, and popcorn, as well as the opportunity to get your face painted.

With St Peter's having a strong focus on community, we also invited some local nursing homes to attend, and were delighted that Ridgway Court joined us. Thank you to everyone who came along, we hope it helped you kick-start the Festive Season

The event raised over **£600!** Thanks as well goes to **Boilers2Ac** for their generous corporate sponsorship.

END OF TERM CHRISTMAS FAIR

What a gathering - we hope you picked up lots of treasure! Thank you for all the amazing donations from parents, staff and local businesses. Special thanks to our volunteers, especially to Shelley Fassett and Kate Lambert. We raised a wonderful **£1,000** through:

- ❄️ Christmas Raffle
- ❄️ Children's Toy & Teddy Tombola
- ❄️ Toy & Book Sale
- ❄️ Hot chocolate & cookies
- ❄️ Name the Teddy - *well done Toby Reynolds!*

Thank you also to parents for buying Christmas Cards and to Polly Willis for running this. Together we raised **£370**



2024 BIG PROJECT - CURRICULUM KITCHEN

Our next "big" project is to enhance our Food Technology provision - specifically upgrading our curriculum kitchen for the benefit of the whole school. We hold the **"Healthy Schools Award"** (2022) and cookery encourages collaboration, develops maths skills, scientific knowledge and creativity. St Peter's is extremely grateful to have such a valuable resource - but it is needing a full upgrade!

How do we invest the funds raised by the PTFA?

In 2024, we will be fundraising for **"Our Curriculum Kitchen"** alongside all other agreed school spends (books, IT, furniture, eco crackers, Young Carers project etc). For example, we recently invested **£4'000** into KS2 reading books and **£2'000** into a new Home Corner & kitchen in Reception.

How can you help?

We will be reaching out to various businesses to see what help we can get in terms of sourcing new materials and appliances... But we need as much help as possible from the **wider school community** - from tilers to electricians, plumbers to general dogsbody's.

Please keep a look out for our project updates and contact us on the PTFA email if you think you could help.

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WHAT'S COMING UP?

Love Yourself Day

Friday 9th February

All children are invited to participate in a non-uniform day in exchange for £1. A splash of pink or red is of course optional!



School Disco Tuesday 5th March

Dust off those dancing shoes - all children are invited! We will host two consecutive after school discos (R&KS1 and KS2) and will need parent & staff volunteers from every year. Tickets and more information to follow via Classlist.

Mad March Hair day

Thursday 28th March

To celebrate the last day of term, children and staff are invited to style their hair in the way they like! Suggested donation £1/2 on the school gate. More ideas and suggestions to follow via Classlist.



Silent Auction

Coming soon....

Do you or a family member have a holiday home you would like to donate a week's stay at? Could you donate a hotel break? Sport experiences? Beauty treatments? Workshops? Culture? Services from your business? Or another prize for auction?

We'd love to hear from you:

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PREFERRED TRAVEL FARNHAM



Thinking of booking your next holiday? Preferred Travel Farnham has generously made a donation to the PTFA last year, thanks to your holiday bookings! £10 is donated to the PTFA for every holiday booked – please consider supporting your local travel agent. Contact Cianon 01252 738444 cianon@ptfarnham.co.uk

DONATIONS AND GRANTS

We would like to say a huge thank you to Farnham Round Table who have awarded us a **£1,000** grant, donated **£200+** in Christmas Tree sales and kindly gifted our school Christmas Tree. These funds have contributed to the purchase of much needed KS2 reading books. We would also like to thank one of our family members for their kind donation of **£400**.

EASY FUNDRAISING

A huge big thank you to all parents and friends who are already doing all their online shopping via Easy Fundraising. By doing so you are raising money for the PTFA for free simply by navigating to your retailers page via the Easy Fundraising site! The last Quarter of 2023 is set to be our biggest fundraising quarter of the year! Please continue to raise money for the children for free either on the App, or at: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterswrecclisham



PILATES

NINA CAMPBELL

We have an amazing crowd of parents, friends and teachers who join us in the school hall on Tuesdays @7.30pm!

So enthusiastic are the exercise crew that Nina has been offering taster 'Animal Flow' sessions.

Sounds interesting? Come and give Pilates a try – make new friends, learn something new!

Beginners welcome, £5.50 per class with booking via Classlist.

A HUGE thank you to Nina for donating all proceeds to the PTFA and for choosing us for her employer gift matching (HSBC). With over **£3,000** raised to date (**£716** this year so far), Pilates has been vital in its contribution to St Peters fundraising.

Tuesdays, 7.30pm, dates on Classlist.

TEXTILE RECYCLING BIN

THERESA MEREDITH HARDY - ECO

Thank you for all your donations. The Textile Recycling Bin is currently FULL. We will update you via Classlist – **we ask that you keep your bags at home while we wait for it to be emptied.**

It's so helpful in raising much needed funds for our lovely school. We get **£300** for every tonne of good condition clothing, bed linen, curtains, soft toys and pairs of shoes that we collect... and it's an environmentally friendly way to clear unwanted clothing and textiles. Perfect for any new year clear outs!

