Speldhurst CEP School

PTA NEWSLETTER

Spring 2024

Dear Speldhurst Parents

Chair's Summary

Welcome to our PTA Spring newsletter! We are hoping that by calling it a 'Spring newsletter', Spring may finally decide to stick around and hopefully bring an end to what has felt like a very long, wet Winter!

It's been a busy start to 2024 in the PTA! Whilst we tend to shy away from large scale events in the first few months of the year, we have really enjoyed the smaller fundraising initiatives we have run this term, starting with the Lego Competition in January and, most recently, the 'Wonderlicious' bars, book sale and photos on World Book Day. Seeing the smiling faces of the children who found 'Golden Tickets' in their chocolate bars really made all our efforts worthwhile!

We have also been doing a lot of preparing and planning for the future. We held our PTA AGM in January where we were delighted to welcome a number of new committee members - Emma Morris, Heather McDonnell, Holly Bettice, and Olivia Mills. Sadly, we also said goodbye (or just 'au revoir' in some cases hopefully) to Charlotte Williams, Kelly Kyte and Sarah Taylor - Charlotte is nearing the end of her time as a Speldhurst School parent, whereas Kelly and Sarah are taking a break due to other commitments. A huge thank you to them all for everything they have done for the PTA and school to date.

As you can imagine, we are incredibly excited that the 'Arts Space' project we have talked about for many years is finally coming to fruition! Those of you who have been in the school or village for a while will know that the room in question was originally the school hall when the school was founded in 1859. It was most recently used as both an ICT suite and library, until the creation of our beautiful Orchard Library in 2019 (and the move from PCs to iPads, rendering the need for a dedicated IT space redundant). In recent years, it's fair to say it has been fairly neglected whilst other projects have taken priority, so to now be just a few weeks away from the new room being ready for the children to use is just fantastic. We can't wait for you all to see the finished space - this will be used for music, dance and drama, and will make a huge difference to the children and staff.

Lastly, a huge thank you for all of your continued support - we really are extremely grateful to everyone who bought a chocolate bar from us, or sent their child in with a pound or two on own clothes days. An extra big thank you to those parents and relatives who have given up their time to volunteer when needed...whether it be to help in the library or to move shelves with Mr Steibelt! None of this is possible without you, and we hope you can see the difference your time and generosity make to the school and our children.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break!
Becky

Exciting PTA Events & Dates for the Diary 2024

Jazz Cake Sale
Friday 19th April
Mini Marathon
Friday 26th April
Galaxy Gala Cake Sale
Friday 10th May
Family Fun Day
Saturday 11th May
Sports Day Cafe
Friday 21st June
(reserve date Friday 28th June)
Coco Bongo 90s Disco for Grown Ups!
Friday 5th July
KS1 & KS2 Discos
Friday 12th July
Quiz Night
Friday 11th October
Fireworks Night
Saturday 9th November

Art Exhibition, Danceathon and Christmas dates to be announced soon!

Class Reps

We'd like to say a big thank you to our Class Reps for their continued hard work this term - they play such a vital role in linking the parents, school and PTA together, and we're very grateful for their help.

Pippin - Clare Lush-Mansell & Weezie MacPherson
Jazz - Mike Harrowing & Rachel Bourdin
Galaxy Gala - Gabrielle Jenkins & Nicola Ball
Bramley - Alex Pendaries, Helen Peerless & Nicole Pollen
Empire - Liam McLaughlin & Toby Doherty
Crispin - Emma Connolly & Teena Towers
Russet - Charlotte Clark, Emma Montgomery, Heather McDonnell, Polly Moult & Vicky Moran

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Thank You!

WOW!

As mentioned, this term, all fundraising has been for the final amount needed for the work to the new Arts Space. The work will be carried out over the Easter holidays and then the bills will need to be paid!

In addition to this, we have continued our contributions to school trips to help reduce the cost to families.

Once the work on the Arts Space is complete, we will be working with the school to agree next projects and priorities! These are discussed and agreed in the PTA meetings so if you would like to be involved in any input, please do come and join us.





Wine & Cheese Evening

Amount raised TBC

What a wine-derful evening we had last Friday at our PTA Wine and Cheese Evening - we must admit our heads are still a little fuzzy…! Well done to Olivia Mills for organising such a fantastic event, together with The Secret Cellar and The Cheese Shop TW. The idea of drinking wine and eating cheese in the name of fundraising will never get boring - we already can't wait for next year!









Oliver



Crispin

£44 was raised

Lego Competition

We always love receiving the Lego competition entries every year, and seeing the time and creativity put into each build! This year, our esteemed judge, Mr Howe, enlisted the help of Mrs MacNaughton and Miss Bailey to decide on the winners....a very tricky task but the following were chosen:

Leon



Rowan

Speldhurst School Lego Master 2024 - Oliver Findlay
KS1 Winner - Crispin Rowley
KS2 Runner-up - Rowan Simmonds
KS2 Winner - Leon Phillips
KS2 Runners-up - Amaya & Elina Paton-Philip



Amaya & Elina

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WORLD BOOK DAY

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Thank You!

WOW!

World Book Day Wonderlicious Bars

Amount Raised £446











Wow! Our 'Wonderlicious' bars really did fly off the shelves in true-Wonka style on World Book Day! Thank you all so much for getting behind them - we ended up taking orders for over 500 bars, far more than anticipated···the PTA Oompa Loompas were working overtime to get them all wrapped and ready for the children! Well done to all of our 'Golden Ticket' winners - we hope you get to enjoy some of your prizes over Easter, and that we helped to add a little magic to your World Book Day.

World Book Day Second Hand Book Sale



Amount Raised £62.48

Huge thanks to everyone who came and checked out our second-hand book sale on World Book Day, and to those who donated books for it. We still have a good supply of books leftover so we will plan to run another sale on a Friday after Easter, before then donating any remaining books to charity.



World Book Day World Book Day Photographs

Amount Raised £119



We hope you all enjoyed receiving the photos of your children in their World Book Day outfits - it's so lovely to be able to capture these special moments and share them with you! Big thanks to Chloe for giving up her time to take the pics and for all her hard work in sharing them afterwards.



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Cake Sales



Pippin £155

Bramley £137

Empire £142

Pre-Loved Uniform

Amount raised £109

Valentine's Own Clothes Day

Amount raised £184.50



COMING UP.....

Mini Marathon

Friday 26th April

We always look forward to the Mini Marathon each year and know the children do too. Hopefully you will now all have your sponsorship forms which were sent home in bags so please do work on collecting sponsors over the Easter holiday, ready to return the forms after the Easter break. We can't wait to see which special characters pay a visit to this year's event!

SAVE THE DATE

The PTA Family Fun Day

Sat 11th May

(bookings open after Easter)

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School Library

Our wonderful team of parent volunteers have continued to keep our library sessions at the school going this term, with a different class visiting each Monday afternoon. We are always in need of more helpers though, whether it be with the Monday library sessions or to help organise the books at different times. Please do speak to one of the PTA Team or drop us an email if you are able to help in any way.

Do you follow us on Facebook? If not, head to 'Speldhurst Primary School PTA' to get regular updates!

Our School Lottery

Our School Lottery continues to be a great source of regular 'income' for the PTA, raising £252.60 since the start of January.

If you haven't already purchased your tickets, please head to the following link. This is a great way of helping with our fundraising and having some fun in the process:

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/speldhurst-church-of-england

There is a winner from the school every week…remember, you need to be in it to win it!

Get Involved!

WE NEED YOU

How you can help the PTA…

There are so many different ways in which you can help and support the PTA…it does not have to be a big commitment (we promise!). Each and every parent automatically becomes a member of the PTA when joining the school. The PTA committee are those that are elected at the Annual General Meeting to represent all parents. Each committee member has the ability to vote on PTA spending and activity. The committee meet every couple of months to discuss ideas and plans for the coming period. New faces and suggestions for what we can do to better support the school are always very welcome!

Our next PTA Meeting will be on:

Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.30pm

at The George & Dragon

Everyone is welcome so please come and join us to find out what we have been up to and what we have planned for the remainder of the year!

If you don't feel you can commit to the committee (!), you can help by supporting the events we run and volunteering when needed. We really cannot do what we do without volunteers. So, if you see a request for help setting up a gazebo or serving teas and coffees, please do consider helping if you can!

Fundraising by online shopping!

MY NAMETAGS

If you need new nametags for the start of term, remember we have a fundraising account for the PTA with **www.mynametags.com**

For each order placed with them, they will donate 24% of the order amount back to the PTA. When you place an order please place the following school ID: 36894

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PTA Committee Members & Contact Details:

If you would like to contact us, the PTA email address is **speldhurstpta@gmail.com**, or feel free to chat to any of us if you see us around school…we're a friendly bunch!

Chair: Becky Willis
Vice Chairs: Chloe Sammons
Treasurer: Steph Elliston
Secretary: Lucy Greenidge

Committee Members:
Deviani Parekh-Jones, Emma Morris, Heather McDonnell, Holly Bettice, Kelly Christmas, Olivia Mills, Sean Willis Stephanie Potter