

Speldhurst CEP School

Summer 2022

PTA NEWSLETTER

Dear Speldhurst Parents

Chair's Summary

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our PTA end of year newsletter.

We appreciate an update of this type from us is long overdue. Going forward, we plan to produce these on a termly basis so you are always fully up-to-date on recent events and activities, plus upcoming plans. Now I've put this down in writing, we are bound to making it happen...

In this edition, we hope to provide you with an overview of how all the funds you have raised have been spent over the past 12 months and what our plans are for the upcoming school year. It's hard to truly reflect the difference this funding makes to our children and the school, but hopefully we can offer you at least a small taster here.

The PTA at Speldhurst School has a strong track record of funding big projects for the school. An example of this is the creation of our incredible Orchard Library. We also recently contributed to the 'revamp' of the Trim Trail, something we know first- hand the children would be lost without! Our next big focus is the new school kitchen, more on that to follow...

After such a disjointed couple of years, it feels like the PTA are really finding our feet again and building some momentum. However, what we really need to build on this further is YOU. Our existing team are absolutely incredible and work so hard... but there aren't enough of them! Many hands make lighter work so if you feel you might be able to lend us yours in any way, please do get in touch. You'll find more details in the 'Get Involved!' section of this newsletter.

Finally, we must say a big thank you to everyone who has done so much in the last year to help to raise money for our school and organise the events which have brought us back together after so long apart. A special thank you needs to go to two of our 'departing' PTA members, Helen Yates and Tessa Hewitt. Their youngest children are moving onto secondary school, which means they can no longer stay on the PTA (we have double checked!!). Their departure is a huge loss to our team and we will miss them greatly.

Have a wonderful Summer!
Sean Willis, PTA Chair

Exciting PTA Events & Dates for the Diary

Tea & Tissues for new Pippin parents
Tuesday 6th September

Quiz Night
Friday 7th October

Pre Loved Uniform Table-Top Sale for Winter Uniform
week of 17th October (date tbc)

Fireworks Mufti Day
Friday 21st October

Fireworks Night
Sunday 6th November

Mini Marathon
Friday 31st March

Coming Soon: Dates for...

**Class Cake Sales,
PTA Christmas & more 2023 events including the much-loved Silent Auction,
Family Fun Day
& Summer Social!**

New Class Reps

Class reps play such an important role in supporting our parents, children, PTA and school...we're safe to say we would be lost without them! We are very grateful each year to the parents who put themselves forward for this role. For the coming 2022/23 school year, your class reps will be:

Pippin - Alice Faulkner & Mike Harrowing
Jazz - Ellen Rowley & Kelly Christmas
Galaxy Gala - Laura-Jayne Healey & Sam Marken
Bramley - Antonia Harrowing, Ashleigh Ethelston & Bee Pruttivarasin
Empire - Erika Banfield & Sophie Rock
Crispin - Camilla Fleetham, Olivia Lewis & Sarah Ward
Russet - Jenny Cooper & Megan Fradgley

Thank You! FUNDRAISING & PTA SPENDING 2021/2022 WOW!!

It won't be a surprise for you to hear that, with limited budgets and the current financial pressures surrounding us all, the funding the PTA provides the school is more important than ever. We are therefore so incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated and active PTA committee, and to have such fantastic support from you as parents.

Without the funding the PTA provides, the school would not be able to provide children with much needed equipment, resources and opportunities.

Cake Sales

Raised an average of

£130

After Covid stopped cake sales in their tracks for close to a couple of years, we certainly did very well to squeeze 7 of them into the final few months of this school year! A big thank you to the class reps for organising them and to all of you parents for baking and donating. The average raised by each sale was around £150. We have agreed this money will be 'carried over' into the new classes and spent at the start of the Autumn term so the children can enjoy the money their class raised!



Art Exhibition

raised

£940

It was such a joy to see the beautiful artwork produced by our children on display in the KS1 & KS2 Art Exhibition back in March - we definitely have a few budding Van Gogh s and Banksies in our midst! Thank you for supporting the PTA by purchasing your children's work and helping us to raise £940. We hope it's still proudly on display in your homes (and don't worry, you have a 2 year break before the next exhibition so your walls don't get too busy!).



Family Fun Day

raised

£1500



Well, the sun turned out and so did the families! This was the first Family Fun Day the current PTA Team had run and we were delighted with how well received it was, with around 3 in 4 school families joining us. It was so lovely to be able to relax and socialise within our beautiful school grounds. A special thanks need to go to The Drama Club and Tunbridge Wells Skateboarding lessons who gave up their time to support our day and offer fantastic entertainment for our children. Well done to the Rock family who run the Rounders tournament! The event raised over £1500 and will now be a regular fixture in the PTA calendar so keep an eye out for the 2023 date.

Seeing the children's self-portraits on the tea towels is always a highlight for the PTA Team! Thank you so much to everyone who placed an order – we have 400 tea towels arriving for your children to bring home before the Summer holidays.

Tea Towels

We have had orders worth over

£1000

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Mini Marathon

Raised £3300

The Mini Marathon marked the first chance parents had to join their children for a PTA event at school since 2019, making it all the more special. Despite the freezing temperatures, the children, parents and teachers all seemed to have a truly wonderful time. A visit from the real-life Easter Bunny topped it all off and we raised over £3300 for the school. Next year's Mini Marathon is already planned in for Friday 31st March and we can't wait!

PTA Logo Competition



Thank you to everyone who took the time to enter the competition. We are pleased to announce that the winner of the competition is Dylan Morgan-Schauer in Year 6 with the following design. During the summer holidays his design will be professionally turned into an electronic logo for future communications from the PTA. Well done Dylan.

Sports Day Cafe

Raised £600

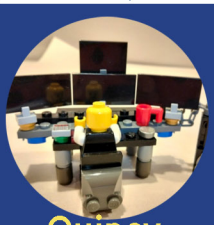


It was so fantastic to all be back at Sports Day again this year! Thank you to everyone who supported the cafe by volunteering, and buying drinks and snacks. The berries were a delicious hit! Over £600 was raised for the school so a great success all round!

Lego Competition

Our inaugural PTA Lego competition was held in January. We were so impressed with the standard and creativity of the children's entries - they made Mr Howe's job of judging very tricky indeed! He did, however, finally decided on 4 winners, who each received a Lego voucher for their prize. The winners were Artur (Pippin), Lila (Galaxy Gala), Quincy (Empire) and Charlie S (Russet). Charlie was named the overall 'Speldhurst School Lego Master 2022' and received the winning trophy - well done Charlie! After such a great response, the Lego competition will become an annual PTA event and we are already looking forward to seeing who becomes the Speldhurst School Lego Master 2023!













Raised £60

Pre-Loved Uniform

Raised £320

The Pre-Loved uniform team has gone from strength this year we have had 3 table top sales taking place, including the new to Reception parent meeting. We are pleased to announce we have managed to make £320 for the school. Thank you for all your donations and for supporting this ECO campaign. Don't forget if you have any donations you can drop them at the school office and if you have any requests for uniform email the team on *secondhanduniformsps@gmail.com*.







90's Disco

WOW what a Wonderwall event from Chloe and her team, it was full of Boombastic tunes from Mike the DJ and Wannabe hotdogs from Annabel and co. The night was a Getting Jiggy with it night. Thank you to Everybody that came and danced the night away with the final school social of the year. Here's to next year's Summertime social by Chloe and the team.



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In the past 12 months, the PTA has donated around…

£13,000

This includes…

- **£5000** Trim Trail
- **£1100** refurbishment of 'Woodland' counselling room
- **£360** 32 sets of headphones & splitter cables
- **£300** Jubilee Tree
- **£4500** counselling & wellbeing services
- **£1000** outdoor learning benches
- **£300** Year 6 Dictionaries

Plus **£3000** towards school trips next year! (£14.29 per child)

And a further **£6000** towards wellbeing over the next 12 months



Our current big fundraising project is for the new

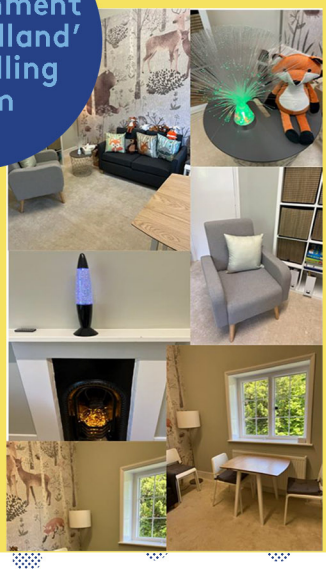
school kitchen

– we have committed to raising a minimum of **£15,000** towards the project and are currently at **£6000** of our target. Look out for our new fundraising barometer outside school next term to see how the total is growing!

FUNDRAISING & PTA SPENDING

2021/2022

refurbishment of 'Woodland' counselling room



Jubilee Tree

It was a lovely moment planting our apple tree in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Year and for the Queen's Green Canopy scheme. The eldest child in Year 6 - Dylan Yates - and the youngest child in Reception - Robin Narayanan - helped to add soil and marked a special moment for a very special year. A massive thanks to Adele Harrison for all her knowledgeable input and help.



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 (currently via Zoom) 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! Keep an eye on the calendar and emails for details of upcoming meetings.

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!

When we start back in September, we will also be looking for volunteers to help with Library sessions at lunchtimes - further details will follow soon!

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: Sean Willis
Vice Chairs: Becky Willis & Kelly Kyte
Treasurer: Steph Elliston
Secretary: Lucy Greenidge
Committee Members:
Charlotte Williams, Chloe Sammons, Claire Fox, Deviani Parekh-Jones, Kelly Christmas, Rebecca Harrison, Steph Potter, Vicky Trifiletti