Speldhurst CEP School

Winter 2022

PTA NEWSLETTER

Dear Speldhurst Parents

Chair's Summary

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our PTA Christmas Newsletter!

As we come to the end of term, we wanted to take the time to update you on all the PTA have been up to and to thank you for all of your ongoing support.

To say it's been a busy few months would be an understatement... it's been so wonderful to have been able to run all our events without restrictions again and to have been able to do our bit to bring our school community together again. With the cost of living crisis and so many other challenges surrounding us all, it's even more incredible that, together, we have raised over £9000 for our school this term alone! This funding is more important than ever for the school and we know how grateful they are for the support of the PTA and all parents. We really must pay a special tribute to all of the fireworks committee in particular for the record-breaking amount they raised with their event.

We are delighted to say that in our last PTA meeting, we agreed to donate £8000 towards the building of the new SEN room for the school, which will hopefully commence in the new year once planning is approved. This is in addition to the £7000 towards wellbeing services and £3000 towards school trips we committed to paying before Summer. Our focus now moves back to fundraising for the new school kitchen - our running total of funds raised for this project is already £6000 and our plan will be to at least triple this amount in 2023. We are also looking at how we can 'revamp' the old ICT suite into a beautiful Arts space... more on that to follow soon.

Needless to say, raising this amount of funds requires a huge amount of work from the PTA team. We're currently a very small team who are very thinly stretched! As we go into 2023, we will need your help more than ever so if you feel you can contribute in any way, please do get in touch with us. Our AGM will take place at the end of January and this is a chance for more committee members to join the team. Or even if you just have a bright idea for a fundraiser or are able to offer up your time to help with an event or project, we would love to hear from you.
We really can't do it without you!

Wishing you all a very merry and healthy Christmas,

Sean Willis
PTA Chair

Exciting PTA Events & Dates for the Diary 2023

Lego Competition
6th - 31st January
PTA AGM
26th January
Year 5 Cake Sale
27th January
Year 4 Cake Sale
10th February
Silent Auction
9am 21st Feb - 9pm 27th Feb
World Book Day
2nd March
Year 6 Legacy Quiz
10th March
Year 3 Cake Sale
24th March
Mini Marathon
31st March
Preloved Uniform Sale
Date TBC
Year 2 Cake Sale
28th April
Year 1 Cake Sale
12th May
Family Fun Day
20th May
Reception Cake Sale
23rd June
Parent Social
30th June
Sports Day Cafe
7th July
New to Reception Meeting
Date TBC

Class Reps

Our Class Reps do such a fantastic job of supporting both the school and the PTA, and perhaps most importantly, making sure we don't forget all the important dates in the diary and what to wear on which day! It's such a busy time of year for everyone so we need to say a huge thank you to them for all their hard work this term!

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

FUNDRAISING & PTA SPENDING 2022

Thank You!

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.



Bonfire & Fireworks Night

A RECORD BREAKING

£6642

was raised







The Bonfire and Fireworks event was a wonderful night for the school where we came together with our local community for a special night of fun and excitement! Despite the rain and mud, tickets were sold out, the fantastic fireworks didn't disappoint and all our stalls were busy, selling hotdogs, drinks, candy floss and glow gifts. Huge thanks to over 90 volunteers who made it happen and to our fabulous children for their posters, tombola contributions and boundless enthusiasm! See you next November!

Quiz Night

raised

£1333



In October the PTA hosted another epic Quiz Night at Speldhurst Primary School. And what a Quiz night it was! It was so wonderful to see the school community come together after the summer break. Everyone had a great time. We raised a whopping £1333 for our school, thanks to all the organisers, volunteers and parents taking part. Well done to "The Wild Ones" who were the winning team once again! A special mention also needs to go to the teachers who came a very respectable 2nd place! We are already looking forward to seeing you all again next year!
Thank you fron the Quiz Team, Sandra, Deviani, Dave, Chris & Jon!

Tea Towels

raised

£500

Thank you to everyone who bought a school tea towel from us before Summer. We hope you all agree the children's self-portraits were both beautiful and entertaining in equal measure! We're so delighted we were also able to add a Jubilee element to them this year and include a picture of Queen Elizabeth II, which is now all the more special. Your purchases helped us ro raise an incredible £500 for our school, thank you! P.S We do still have a few spare KS1 and KS2 tea towels available to buy - email us on speldhurstpta@gmail.com if you're interested!

Pre-loved Uniform



We have had a really busy end of the year as we moved to our new location in the Music room. Thank you for all your donations. As the new location is smaller than we had previously, we are unable to take any more donations at present. Thank you to everyone who has purchased from the Pre-loved Uniform, not only does it support our school but it is much better for the environment too!

Raised an ongoing amount of

£366

Thank You! FUNDRAISING & PTA SPENDING 2022 WOW!



Odd Socks Day

Raised £201

Odd Socks Day is such an important date in the school calender as it focuses all our minds on the importance of being active against bullying. It was all the more special this year now we have our very own in-house Odd Sock at school (in the form of Mr McCheyne) and it was wonderful to receive a message from Andy and all the band on the day, thanking us for our support. We raised a fantastic £201, which will be split between a donation to the Anti-Bullying Alliance and purchasing new anti-bullying resources and materials for the school.



Bag2School

Raised £128

Our first Bag2School collection took place on November 28th and was a great success! Thanks to your very generous donations, we collected over 320KG of clothes to be recycled and repurposed, and managed to raise £128 for the school at the same time! Keep an eye out for our next 2023 collection date in the New Year!

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Raised £56

amazonsmile You shop. Amazon gives.

Raised £87.50



Raised £93

Christmas Jumper Sale

It's certainly the weather for Christmas jumpers now and thanks to our lovely Year 6 parents, Jutta and Louise, you will hopefully be well stocked up for the festive season! Our 2022 preloved jumper sale was a great success with 31 jumpers sold and £93 raised! We will be collecting jumpers for our 2023 sale from January so please do set them aside for us after you've finished with this year's festivities.

Pumpkin Competition

Thank you to the 37 children who entered the first Pumpkin Competition! There were some fabulous entries! All winners won a variety of eco-friendly gifts that were on sale at the Fireworks Night.



1st Jack Rider



2nd India Rose Jones



3rd Evelyn Ball

Raised £27



PTA Christmas Events

This years Christmas festivities were a big hit all round. Thanks to the hard work of the PTA Christmas elves, the children were treated to a trip to our festive grotto to choose gifts for their parents, a fabulous panto performance fromThe Cat's Grin Theatre Company, and even a visit from the Big Man himself!



We are also providing snacks for classes to enjoy with their end of term Christmas film. On top of this the PTA were delighted to be asked to provide refreshments at both the school's Christmas Tea Recital on December 8th and the KS2Carol Service at St Mary's Church on the last day of term.





FUNDRAISING & PTA SPENDING 2022



In the last term alone, the PTA has raised around...

£9,000

and the PTA has contributed the following...

- **£120** on 2nd hand-phones for SumUp use at events
- **£175** Year 6 Dictionaries
- **£500** Resources for the Woodland Room

Plus **£3000** towards school trips & workshops for this school year

also **£7000** committed to ClearMind for well-being services this school year (£3765 paid so far)

And a further **£8000** committed to the new SEN space



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. We plan to at least triple this amount in 2023.

Library Volunteers

We are pleased to share that Library sessions run by parent volunteers are now up and running again. The children will be coming in regularly with their class and so far we have had fantastic sessions with Years 6, 3 and 2.

It has been a real delight to see the children enjoying our wonderful library. Watching them explore the shelves, read aloud to each other and chat about books, or simply relaxing on cosy cushions and toadstools with a book, has been really special.

We look forward to welcoming the rest of the classes before Christmas and after Christmas!

The Library Team

PTA New Logo

You may have noticed our wonderful new PTA logo on this Newsletter! The competition to design our new logo was won in the summer by last year's Year 6 Dylan Morgan-Schauer. Huge thanks to Tessa Hewitt who has very kindly transformed it into digital format for us to use. Doesn't it look fab!



We hope Lego kits were at the top of plenty of Father Christmas lists this year as the PTA Lego Competition is back for 2023! Our very own Lego super fan, Mr Howe, will be choosing a winning entry from both KS1 and KS2. Good luck and happy building!

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 AGM Meeting will be on:

26th January 2023 at 7.30pm (venue TBC)

So do please add to your diaries and come along to find out more about us if you are interested!

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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You can help us raise valuable funds today by shopping online through our very own shopping portal - and you won't spend any more than going to the retailer's website directly. Simply click below and start shopping!
http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/speldhurstpta/?t=Easyfundraising-lo&v=a

amazonsmile You shop. Amazon gives.

Amazon Smile is another way of fundraising for the school whilst shopping online!

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