



## St Paul's Junior School PTA Newsletter – November 2019



Welcome to the first PTA newsletter for the 2019/2020 school year. A special welcome to those parents who are new to the school this term. If you would like to support the PTA in any way, please contact us.

**Email:** PTA@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

**Facebook:** PTA information for St Paul's

Following our **AGM** in October, we are pleased to confirm our Committee members:

Co-Chairs: Divya Menon and Emilie Sewart

Vice Chair: Rhonda Kirby

Treasurer: Katherine Duxbury

Secretary: Jayne Lewis

Last school year the PTA spent £4,838 on enhancing the learning environment and enjoyment of pupils at the school. This included £784 for Learning Lodge furniture, £2,875 towards school trips and experience/theatre days, £1,207 for Year 6 Leavers' gifts and events, and £142 for Christmas and Sports Day refreshments.

**Thank you** for supporting us last year. We hope you will continue to do so in 2019/2020.



**Christmas Fair**  
**Friday 6 December**  
**17:30–19:30**

Preparations are well underway for our biggest fundraiser of the school year. There will be the usual mix of games, tombolas, raffles and refreshments, and the chance to visit **Father Christmas** in his grotto.

If you are happy to have an **estate agent board** outside your home advertising the Fair, please get in touch as soon as possible.

If you or your company can donate a prize, service or tickets to the **silent auction** or **raffle**, please contact the PTA or leave details with the front office. If you would like to have a **commercial stall** at the Fair, please let us know.

We are holding a competition to find an amazing new **programme cover**. Entries can be on an A4 or A5 piece of paper or card and can be done in any medium. Entries should be left at the front

office by **Wednesday 27 November**. Please put full name and class on the back.

**Friday 29 November** is a **non-uniform day** when the children are asked to please donate **tombola prizes**.

- Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6: *Wrapped sweets* (no nuts)\*
- Y3, Y4: Gift tombola (wrapped gift for a child aged 7–11 years)
- Y5: Sweet tombola (sweets in large packets or boxes; no nuts)
- Y6: Bottle tombola (drinks, speciality foods, toiletries; unopened and in date)

\*In the past we have provided plastic cups for the children to fill with wrapped sweets. This year we are trialling a greener approach – the sweet cup tombola will be replaced by the sweet bag tombola! We are therefore asking for donations of wrapped sweets and we will make up small paper bags as tombola prizes.

If you have **books, board games, jigsaw puzzles** and **soft toys** to donate, please bring them to school **2–6 December**. Items should be clean, complete and in good condition please. Unfortunately, we cannot accept other toys or games.

Each child will soon be bringing home **raffle tickets** (book of five £1 tickets). Please try to sell as many tickets as possible; extra books will be available from the school office. Return all stubs and money to school by **Friday 6 December**.

We require lots of **volunteers** and **donations** for this event, so please support us! Many thanks to those of you already busy. A **volunteer rota** to help on the day is available at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4baca2ca2f49-stpauls11>



**Christmas Discos**  
**Thursday 19 December**  
**Y3 and Y4 – 18:15–19:15**  
**Y5 and Y6 – 19:45–20:45**

Tickets are £3 at the door, and include a drink and a snack. We will need parent volunteers to help make this event possible. Full details will be issued nearer the time.



## Ongoing fundraising

### Bag2School

Our October collection raised £125. Many thanks to all who donated.

### Reading FC tickets

We have signed up with Reading FC's School and Grassroots Ticketing Scheme, allowing us to get discounted tickets to selected home Reading FC matches (parents £15, grandparents £10, children £2/£5). Please quote our St Paul's Junior School code to make sure the PTA get some of the money back. Our next assigned games are:

- Birmingham City on Saturday 7 December at 15:00 (SPJS-1920-3)
- Stoke City on Saturday 14 March at 15:00 (SPJS-1920-4)
- Swansea City on Saturday 2 May at 12:30 (SPJS-1920-5).

### Easy Fundraising

This is an easy way to raise funds for the school while doing your online Christmas shopping – and at no extra cost to you. For details, please visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), and quote 'St Pauls Schools Association Wokingham'.

### Name labels

When ordering clothing/bag/stationery labels, please consider using **Easy2Name** (quote St Paul's Junior School RG41) or **MyNameTags** (quote 19945). Both companies will give us 20% cashback on your order.

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## Dates for your diary

- Wed 27 Nov**
    - Final Christmas Fair programme cover entries to school
  - Fri 29 Nov**
    - Non-uniform day
    - Wrapped sweets to school
    - Tombola prizes to school
  - 2–6 Dec**
    - Books, board games, jigsaw puzzles and soft toys to school
    - Final raffle and silent auction prizes to school
    - Final wrapped sweets and tombola prizes to school
    - Raffle ticket stubs and money to school
  - Fri 6 Dec**
    - **CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
17:30–19:30
  - Sat 7 Dec**
    - Reading vs Birmingham City, Madejski Stadium, 15:00
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