



St Paul's Junior School PTA Newsletter – November 2018



Welcome to the first PTA newsletter for the 2018/2019 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.

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

Co-Chairs: Divya Menon and Emilie Sewart

Vice Chair: Rhonda Kirby

Treasurer: Katherine Duxbury

Secretary: Jayne Lewis



PTA Planning Meeting
Monday 12 November
19:30–20:30

Our next meeting will be held in the school hall. This half-term is very busy, and final plans for all our Christmas events will be on the agenda. Please come along!



Christmas Fair
Friday 7 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. We also have lots of exciting stalls to kick start your Christmas shopping, and there is an opportunity get a lovely **family photograph** taken at the Fair by a professional photographer.

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 should 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 **Friday 16 November**. Please put full name and class on the back. The winner's artwork will appear on the cover of the programme and selected other entries will be on display at the fair! Happy designing!

Friday 30 November is a **non-uniform day** when the children are asked to please donate **tombola prizes**.

- Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6: Sweet cups (cups will be provided; please fill with small wrapped sweets)
- Y3, Y4: Gift tombola (wrapped gift for a child aged 7–11 years)
- Y5: Sweet tombola (sweets in packets/boxes)
- Y6: Bottle tombola (drinks, speciality foods, toiletries; unopened and in date)

If you have **books**, **board games**, **jigsaw puzzles** and **soft toys** to donate, please bring them to school **3–7 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 7 December**.

We will not be having a cake stall at the Fair this year but look out for details of the bake sale planned for the spring term. We will also not be selling Christmas puddings this year.

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



Christmas Discos
Monday 17 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 £107.20. 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). Please quote 'St Paul's Junior School' to make sure the PTA get some of the money back. Our next assigned game is against Sheffield United on **Saturday 8 December**, 17:30.

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.easypundraising.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.

Prospect reward scheme

We have signed up for Prospect Estate Agents' reward scheme. If you are selling your house with Prospect, please remind them to donate £250 to St Paul's PTA.



Dates for your diary

- Mon 12 Nov** • **PTA PLANNING MEETING**
19:30–20:30, school hall
 - Fri 16 Nov** • Final Christmas Fair
programme cover entries
to school
 - Fri 30 Nov** • Non-uniform day
• Sweet cups to school
• Tombola prizes to school
 - 3–7 Dec** • Books, board games, jigsaw
puzzles and soft toys to school
• Final raffle and silent auction
prizes to school
• Final sweet cups and
tombola prizes to school
• Raffle ticket stubs and money
to school
 - Fri 7 Dec** • **CHRISTMAS FAIR**
17:30–19:30
 - Sat 8 Dec** • Reading vs Sheffield United,
Madejski Stadium, 17:30
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