

PTA Newsletter September 2021

Welcome to the first PTA newsletter of the school year. This is to let you know about all the events that are coming up.

Annual General Meeting - Monday 11 October 5pm in the Staff Room

This is where we discuss the past year and choose the committee for the new school year. Everyone is welcome to come along. This will be followed by a normal meeting. There will even be tea, coffee & biscuits!

School Discos - Tuesday 19 October

This is always a popular night for the children. 5.30pm - 6.45pm for KS1 and 7pm - 8.30pm for KS2. It is £2 which is payable on the door. There will be sweets (from 1p to 25p), small chocolate bars for 30p, crisps for 30p, drinks (20p or 30p) and glow sticks (20p) for the children to buy, along with face painting which will be 50p. Please also let me know if you can help at the disco (especially if you can face paint!) Permission slips will be provided soon - please note children will not be able to attend the disco without a completed and signed permission slip.

Loose Change Challenge

After half term, each class will be given an empty plastic bottle. The children are being asked to bring in loose change (maybe in exchange for doing chores?) to fill up the bottles. The class that raises the most win a prize. The monies collected will go to the PTA and therefore help the whole school. This will run until the end of November so start collecting your small change. It got very competitive last year, and Kipper class won a treat for their whole class! Who will win this year?!!

Christmas Cards

Yes, I've said Christmas. We will be using IQ cards again. This will raise funds for the PTA that we will use for the benefit of the school and children. Also, it gives you the opportunity to recognise and celebrate your child's creative efforts and are great to send to family and friends. Your child will be creating the artwork in school. They will then bring them home for you to look at by 1 October. You can then fill in the order form along with your payment and return it to school, with the artwork, by 8 October.

We then have to collate all the orders before they are collected by IQ cards. They will then be reproduced in full colour onto Christmas cards that are available in packs of 12. Additional items are also available such as postcards, gift wrap, sticky gift labels, fridge magnets, chocolate bars and mouse mats!

You can also ask for an extra order form if there are any younger or older siblings that would like to make their own cards. They will be delivered back to school at the beginning of December. Please let me know if you have any queries about any of this.

Christmas Shopping Evening - Date to be confirmed

This will be a great evening where you can start your Christmas shopping (or finish it, for super organised people!) If you would like a stand, then let me know. They will be £10 each plus a raffle prize. We will be serving tea, coffee and cake. There will also be a free glass of mulled wine! Please let me know if you can help on the night or bake a cake.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 4 December 12pm - 2pm

We missed out on doing this last year, so we want to make this event as fantastic as possible. To do this we will need volunteers who can help us before and, on the day, to make it as successful as possible. Please also contact me if you know of a business that would like to sponsor our raffle by donating the top prize of £150.

Easyfundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online, you could be raising a donation for our PTA? There are nearly 300 retailers on board ready to donate and it doesn't cost you a penny extra! It's simple, all you have to do is:

1. **Join** - head to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wellesleyparksc and sign up.
2. **Shop** - every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.
3. **Raise** - after you've checked out, that retailer will donate to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

Amazon

If you use Amazon, then you can donate to our PTA! Just type in www.smile.amazon.co.uk and you can then type in Wellesley Park Primary School PTA and 0.5% of most of your purchases will be donated to the PTA. It will still be linked to your account and there are more details on their website.

As always, please contact me with any suggestions or queries and please check the Facebook page for reminders and requests. It is Wellesley Park Primary School PTA.

Kind regards

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