

PTA Newsletter July 2021

I would normally have sent out many newsletters in the school year but as we have not been able to arrange our normal events, I have kept the updates mainly to Facebook. However, I wanted to send one out to let you know what we have achieved and what we hopefully have to look forward to.

We were able to organise the Christmas cards that the children created, a loose change challenge, a Christmas present shop, a Christmas raffle, a Father's Day shop, a second-hand uniform sale, a sale of the England flags and a Summer raffle.

We have spent money on the coaches for the trips for Years 4, 5 & 6. We have spent £2629 on books for the school and have also started paying for improvements to the "Therapy room". We have paid for the cinema trip for Year 3 and for a Storyteller for Year 2. We are also paying for an activity for Year 1 & Reception. We are now raising money for an outdoor shelter for the Forest School/Outdoor Learning to be used by all children which will be amazing.

This has only been achieved by the help of the PTA team including, Matt Redstone, Caz Redstone, Maddy Pengelly, Amy Farrington, Rachel Andrews, Gemma Stanley, Simon McLellan, Simon Flowers-Jones, Gary Clifton, Natalie Woodgate, Kim Norman & Claire Trott. A special thanks to Corinne Worth for all that she does. We are also grateful to Zahra Atri & Annie Matthews in the office for all they do to support us.

Thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets this year. Thank you, Natalie Woodgate, for yet again sourcing all of the amazing prizes. Thanks to local businesses Potters, Jamieson Jewellers, Perrys, The Milk Shed & The Green Dragon for their prizes as well as all of the businesses who donated day trip vouchers. These have been our biggest fundraisers.

Thanks so much to Simon Flowers-Jones for supporting the Wellesley Park PTA Christmas and Summer raffles with a prize of £150 in each of them. **Monumental Change Hypnotherapy** is a local practice offering Solution Focused Hypnotherapy to all. Simon has said - *"After such a testing year or so, I am delighted to support the PTA in providing a present for a Wellesley Park family to make their Christmas, and also*

Summer, a little bit more special. Let's face it, 2020 and 2021, for many, has been a time of heightened anxiety and stress, low mood and depression. Our aim here is to offer you a way forward, armed with the right skills and mindset to happily navigate whatever comes your way. Find me at MonumentalChange.co.uk".

The future!

We are hopeful that in September we will be able to start arranging events again. However, this will of course be subject to government guidelines. If we can, there will be Bingo Nights, Quiz Nights, discos and Christmas & Summer Fairs, Pamper Evenings as well as the Present Shops. We will also hopefully start back the Friday cake sales and uniform sales. I have already ordered the forms for the Christmas cards! We are always looking for new members to join us so let me know if you would like to get involved.

Finally

It has been a hard year for the children yet again. Thanks to the amazing team of teachers and TAs that have coped with everything that has been thrown at them and got the children through the year. I would like to wish all of the Year 6 children good luck as they leave to go on to secondary school in September. I would also like to thank their parents for all the support they have given the PTA. On a personal note, before they leave, I would like to thank Maddy Pengelly, Rachel Andrews and Simon McLellan for all their help at so many events and behind the scenes.

I would like to also say goodbye to the teachers and TAs that are leaving that have helped the PTA in so many ways.

Thank you to Anna Wrightson for helping at so many of the Summer and Christmas Fairs. It was really appreciated, and I will miss seeing you every morning with a smile on your face! Thank you for being such an amazing TA as well.

Thank you to Mark Carter, Ruth Weston and Pam Jones for pretty much everything! Mark has been at every Disco & Fair that I have ever organised. He has been in the stocks to raise money and gone above and beyond in every way. I am so grateful for all of your help. Ruth and Pam

have been at many meetings, and helped at every Fair, Disco, Bingo Night, Pamper evening and everything else in between. Pam has pretty much opened up at every event and then locked up at the end. You have all supported the PTA (and me personally) so much, whilst at the same time also being amazing teachers/TA and role models to our children. I still feel that I am in denial that I won't see you around the school! You will be greatly missed by all of us. Stay in touch!!

Thanks to all of the parents for the ongoing support. I do hope you all have a fabulous summer and I look forward to seeing more of you joining the PTA in September!

As always, please contact me with any queries or suggestions.

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