

PTA Newsletter October 2020

Thank you for to those who came along to this year's very first virtual AGM. We reported on the achievements of the last year, elected our committee members and discussed our initial plans for the new school year. Here is a summary of the meeting.

Thanks

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank the many people who helped in ensuring that the PTA is as successful as it is.

- The members of the committee - Corinne Worth, Matt Redstone, Tracy Walters & Gemma Stanley
- The other members who regularly came to meetings especially, Lisa Hall, Maddy Pengelly, Simon McLellan, Simon Flowers-Jones, Gary Clifton, Amy Farrington, Claire Trott, Hayley Jones, Kim Norman, Emmie Hartley-Criddle, Rachel Andrews, Rachael Foster & Pam Jones
- The members who couldn't make it to meetings but helped in many other ways, Vickie Harrison, Yvette Waygood, Jo Marley, Tony Burrows, Mark Carter & Ruth Weston
- To all the teachers and school staff
- A special thanks to Annie & Zahra in the school office
- Everyone else who has either helped at an event, come along to an event, baked a cake or donated a raffle prize. Thank you to everyone!

Achievements

Over the last year we raised £3122. Our fundraisers were as follows:

This was raised at the following events:

Christmas Fair:	£1014
Disco:	£645
Bingo:	£239
Christmas Cards:	£321
Cake Sales:	£151
Mother's Day Shop	£45
Quiz Nights	£52
Loose Change:	£392
Silver Band:	£296
Amazon	£29
Christmas Evening:	£111

The PTA has spent the following:

Residential trips for year 5:	£500
Chairs for Year 1:	£941
Christmas parties:	£73
Pantomime:	£400
Tranquility garden:	£101
Accelerated reader prizes:	£100
New books:	£241
School Play:	£259

It goes without saying that this has been a very different year to report on. Obviously, many of our fundraising events could not happen. However, I would still like to thank all the teachers, office staff, parents, family, friends and local businesses such as Potters, Jamieson Jewellers, Paws & Claws & Wilkies, that have helped support the PTA in many ways. This is very much a team effort and could not be done without hard work from many people.

New committee

The committee members for the next year elected at the AGM are:

Chair: Hannah Bouchta

Vice chair: Corinne Worth

Treasurer: Matt Redstone

Secretary: Gemma Stanley

For those of you who don't know me, I am Hannah Bouchta. I have a daughter and son at Court Fields, and another daughter in year 5. As well as running a taxi service for my children I also own my own mortgage business. In between all of that, I try, with a great deal of help from many others, to run the PTA.

Everyone is welcome to come along to the meetings, which we normally have monthly. These will be virtual this year. I then send out a newsletter to everyone, so you know what has been discussed and what events are happening. I also use the PTA Facebook page for updates and pleas for help.

Thanks to all of you who ordered the Christmas cards. They were all fantastic and will be sent out to you in the beginning of December.

This year will be very different than previous years. We will not be able to arrange all the normal events such as the Bingo, Disco and Christmas Fair. We are also mindful that things may change as we go along so please bear with us.

Loose Change Challenge!!! 9 November - 30 November

This week, each class will be given an empty plastic bottle. The children are being asked to bring in loose change to fill up the bottles. The class that raises the most will have a treat from that money. The coins from the other classes will go to the PTA and therefore help the whole school. This will run until 30 November so start collecting your small change. It got very competitive last year, and Matilda class won. Who will win this year?!!

Christmas Shop

We missed out on the Mother's and Father's Day shops this year and we wanted to come up with a plan for a Christmas shop instead. We will give the teachers photos of the presents that are available, and the children can choose what they would like to buy by putting their name on that list. We will then wrap the presents and deliver them to school. They will then be quarantined before the children write a label and take them home. All presents will be £2 and can be for mums, dads, grandparents etc. The photos/lists will be in classes on 7 December and will be handed back to the children on 14 December. The children love buying their own presents.

Christmas Raffle

We normally tie this in with our Christmas Fair so this year it will be a bit different. We are going to have a big raffle in December with lots of amazing prizes sourced by the fabulous Natalie Woodgate. We will announce a prize winner on Facebook every

school day in December with a final prize of £150 on the last day of school!!! Here is something from our fabulous sponsor this year:

"Monumental Change Hypnotherapy would be delighted to support the Wellesley Park PTA Xmas raffle with a prize of £150. Monumental Change Hypnotherapy is a local practice offering Solution Focused Hypnotherapy to all. After such a testing year I am delighted to support the PTA in providing a present for a Wellesley Park family and make their Xmas a little bit more special. Let's face it, 2020 has been an interesting year and for many it has been a time of heightened anxiety and stress, low mood and depression. Our aim at Monumental Change 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"

Thank you so much to Simon Flower-Jones for the extremely generous donation. It is greatly appreciated. The tickets will be sent home shortly for you to buy and will be £1 each.

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Did you know that whenever you buy anything online this Christmas, from the perfect gift and novelty socks to your turkey, 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!

Please help us this Christmas by giving more than a gift - there are no catches or hidden charges and our PTA will be very grateful for your donations.

[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, if you have any suggestions or queries, then please contact me.

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