

PTA News



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Holy Trinity C of E School Cuckfield

Holy Trinity PTA is your PTA, that works to raise funds for our school and help provide further resources and opportunities for our children.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

**So far in 2020/2021 we have raised
£6,200**

This term PTA funds have paid for:

- Forest School sessions for all children
- Online Christmas panto and treat bag for all children
- Stationery for children

CHRISTMAS ISSUE 2020



Chair message:

What an interesting term...many of our 'traditional' PTA events simply couldn't go ahead due to the current pandemic, so we had to come up with some new creative ways to raise much needed funds and provide exciting events for children to enjoy.

Our Bag2School collection in October was really well supported – thank you to all who donated, and due to its success, we will be making this a bi-annual event, with our next collection booked for the end of April.

Thank you again to Lydia Nelson (mum to Reuben and Scarlett) who ran our first ever PTA Cake Competition - there were so many fantastic designs. Congratulations again to Alexander and Joel on their winning designs – we hope you enjoy your birthday cakes!

The Grounds team also had to rethink how they run Grounds Days and ran some very successful sessions in year group bubbles, completing many much-needed tasks, including replanting the flowerbeds outside the Year 2 classrooms and preparing the grounds for Forest School and the Winter Trail. Thank you so much to our amazingly knowledgeable Grounds Team for their dedication to looking after the school grounds.

Not being able to hold our traditional Christmas Fair we wanted to find another way to sprinkle some Christmas magic at school – the Winter Wonderland Trail was born. Transforming the school woods into an enchanted wonderland and teaching children about some of the wildlife that lives in them proved very popular with both children and staff – so much so that many children have written to the PTA asking us to come back and do it all again next year! There is still time to make a donation for this event – via your ParentPay account – all donations gratefully received, thank you so much to those who have already donated.

We were so pleased that one of the children's all-time favourites, Christmas Shopping Day, could go ahead this year. Huge thanks must go to Clare, Jess and Nikki for putting this event together in record time and in a Covid secure way. We hope you like your gifts!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Jen Plenty (Chair)

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Outdoor Classroom progress:

As you know, the fantastic outdoor classroom has now been built and the PTA have already used it for two events this term. We are so grateful to a team of parents who made this facility a reality – Nicola, Sharon and Lauren, for all your hard work in securing grants to fund the building and to Year 6 dad, Phil Merchant, who with his team, built this amazing classroom.

Over the Christmas holidays Phil and his team will be making bespoke furniture for the classroom so that teachers can start using it to its' full potential, taking their classes outside for their lessons.



JOIN US AT OUR AGM:

**Wednesday 20th January, 7.30pm
The School Hall**

*Why don't you make 2021 the year that you
get more involved with your PTA?*

UPCOMING EVENTS

9th January, 10.30am – 4.30pm
Year 4 Grounds Day

10th January, 11am – 12.30pm
Reception Grounds Day

10th January, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Year 2 Grounds Day

w/b 25th January, during school day
PTA Discos, year group bubbles

12th February
PTA Non-uniform Day

12th – 26th February
Usborne Books Sponsored Reading Event

31st March
Easter Egg hunt in the school woods

28th April
Bag2School Collection

Voluntary Contributions:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/holytrinity-cuckfield>

As I'm sure you are aware, like many charities, we have been unable to fundraise in our usual ways. During the Autumn Term 2019 we raised over £14,500, this term we raised £6,200.

Put quite simply, our limited ability to fundraise, and significant drop in funds will mean that in the coming months we will be unable to fund everything school would like us to.

Can you help plug our funding gap?

Through Voluntary Contributions you could help – making ONE OFF or MONTHLY payments direct to the PTA. Thank you to the many parents who already contribute in this way.

Follow the link to find out more:
<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/holytrinity-cuckfield>

We very much appreciate that this form of giving is not for everyone and would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support of the PTA and the many forms this takes.

Forthcoming events in focus:

Grounds Days 9th & 10th January

We are so fortunate to have such a talented & incredibly dedicated team of parents who look after our fantastic school grounds, however...

THEY NEED YOUR HELP!

Grounds Days are a great opportunity to explore the school grounds, meet other parents/carers in your year group bubble and do your bit to help maintain the grounds for our children to enjoy. No previous experience necessary, just some energy and enthusiasm! Children are welcome to come too!



PTA AGM & Meeting 20th January, 7.30pm, School Hall

All parents / carers very welcome. Come along to hear of the successes of the PTA in the last year, how the money raised has been spent and participate in the election of the PTA executive positions.

Why not make 2021 the year you get involved with the PTA?

ALL executive positions are up for re-election and can be job shares - if you would like to stand to be elected as Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer or Secretary please email the PTA holytrinityptacuckfield@gmail.com before 20th January.

PTA year group Discos w/b 25th January

We are looking forward to setting up year group Discos for children to enjoy with their teachers. Children will spend time in the hall enjoying their favourite tunes, a drink and crisps during the school day. Suggested £1 donation per child.



Usborne Books – Sponsored Reading 12th – 26th February

Over half term children will be challenged to read books and raise money, through sponsorship, for both the PTA and for school to spend on new Usborne Books – more details and sponsorship forms to follow....



Other ways to support the PTA:

Buying name tags? www.mynametags.com
donate 24% of every order to the PTA
Enter our School ID: 29206

Shopping online?

Click through easyfundraising and a % of your purchase will be donated to the PTA

