

St George & St Teresa PTFA Newsletter

July 2024

Hello! We hope this newsletter finds you all well.

Hard to believe another year is coming to a close! We have been delighted with the success of the events this year and are pleased to report that we have raised a whopping **£17,300** in total this academic year, with **£4,500** of that raised this summer term from the bingo, raffle and summer fayre.

These funds will enable the school to cover costs of the below:

- Book vending machine
- New books to support English teaching including Literacy tree books – the new scheme for in the classroom and additional books for the Accelerated reader scheme to support reading at home.
- Construction and resources for the sensory room

Please see a message from Mrs Flanagan and Mr Hainie on the benefits of these resources on the next page.

A fantastic effort by everyone! A HUGE Thank You for your continued support of PTFA events.

Looking Ahead to 2024/2025!

Before we wrap up for the summer break, make a note of some key dates for school's return in September:



Bag2School – Collecting from **20th September**. If you're having a closet clear-out this summer, save bags of clothing for this week to bring in to school and it will help raise funds for the PTFA.



PTFA AGM - On the **25th September** we will be holding our AGM. We warmly welcome and encourage as many of you as possible to attend. We will be confirming plans for the year and hearing from the school about what is on their wishlist for next year. Each and every PTFA event would not be possible without the help of St G&T's wonderful parents and carers, so please do come along and get involved.



The Monsters Ball - The ever-popular children's disco returns on **Friday 18th October**, sure to be a scream! A Spooky Fancy Dress sale will be held the week before on **Friday 11th October**.



St G&T PTFA Autumn Ball - Get the glad rags ready! On **Saturday 9th of November** we will be back for our Annual Ball at Copt Heath Golf Club. Tickets are £50 pp and include dinner, live music from Hard to Handle, and auction. It's always a fantastic night out so get your tickets while you can. **Tickets are now on sale via Parent Pay**. There is the option to pay £25 deposit now and the other £25 by 31st October. Please email the PTFA ptachairstgnt@gmail.com with the number of tickets required once payment has been made.

Autumn Term Events '24:

Friday 6th Sept – Pre-loved uniform sale
Fri 20th- Tues 24th Sept – Bag2School Clothing Collection
Wed 25th Sept – PTFA AGM
Fri 11th Oct - Spooky Fancy Dress Sale
Fri 18th Oct – The Monsters Ball
Sat 9th Nov – PTFA Autumn Ball, Copt Heath Golf Club

Class Reps:

Nursery – Roisin Harkin
Reception – Rachel Amini
Year 1 – *New rep needed*
Year 2 – Liz Hadgkiss
Year 3 – Tina Riley
Year 4 – Hannah Bannister
Year 5 – Abby Fox
Year 6 – Anne Marie Hughes

Contact the PTFA committee:
ptachairstgnt@gmail.com

All of these events and activities would not be possible without the generous help of all our wonderful parents and carers. Any time or help you can give in anyway, with any event and the PTFA, is hugely appreciated!

A Message from Mrs Flanagan and Mr Hainie:

School would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped us this year – the time, effort and donations make a big difference.

We've been able to buy new books for Accelerated Reader and Literacy Tree. The Accelerated Reader scheme has already had a big impact on the quality of texts read at home, the children's enthusiasm to read and their comprehension skills. Our new English scheme, Literacy Tree, has been very well received by children and staff and will go from strength to strength next year as it becomes fully embedded.

Our vending machine has proved a great hit with the children. They work hard to receive a golden token and love it when they do. Also, your donations of used, good condition, books for this have helped us to keep it well stocked.

Sensory rooms have so many benefits for all children. They are a specially designed environment that caters to the sensory needs of a child, facilitating their participation in learning. It is a controlled, sensory-focused space that is intentionally created to support the unique needs of each student. We've wanted one for a long time but never had a space that was suitable. The PTFA donations helped us to build a new room and then furnish it with suitable resources. We're so pleased about this and know lots of children will benefit from it.

Thanks, again.

Mrs Flanagan and Mr Hainie

Easy ways to boost PTFA funds:

Stikins Labels

We receive 30% commission for any name labels bought at www.stikins.co.uk. Enter fundraising code 19510 at check-out.

PTFA Voluntary Donations via Parent Pay

Many of you have made contributions to our fundraising efforts via the 'PTA Voluntary Donation' option on Parent Pay – thank you! ***We can also claim Gift Aid* for these donation (please see attached form).***

Match funding

Match funding can make a **huge** difference to our annual total! Why not ask your employer or, if you run your own limited business, speak with your accountant about matched funding. We are a registered charity (1056747) so if this is something you can help with please get in touch at ptachairstgnt@gmail.com.

Easy Fundraising

A simple way to donate to the PTFA, at no extra cost, is via an online shopping portal. Log on to do your online shopping or book holidays. The huge range of participating retailers make a 1-4% donation <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stgeorgeteresapta>

Charity Gift Aid Declaration – multiple donations

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to **St George and St Teresa Parent Teacher Association (Charity no. 1056747)**

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details

Title _____ First name or initial(s) _____
Surname _____

Full Home address

Postcode _____

Date _____

Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your SelfAssessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code