



CLARENDON PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the second edition of the PTA Newsletter!

Clarendon Primary School PTA is a registered charity comprising of parents, carers and teachers. We are dedicated to fundraising for Clarendon Primary School to help enrich the facilities of all children attending the school now and into the future.

Some of you may remember our first edition back in March 2020, the start of an unprecedented year for all of us! Little did we know then what was on the horizon, so our newsletter was put on hold, however we will now be publishing termly newsletters to keep you informed of our activity.

Despite the challenges we have all faced the PTA continued fundraising during the pandemic. We have worked hard to find alternative ways of raising much needed funds and are proud to have had a great start to the academic year. We are of course really looking forward to returning to more traditional fundraising soon!

We would like to hear your views on how you think we are doing and where you think we can improve. Therefore, we would really appreciate it if you could spend a few minutes completing this survey at the link below, all feedback is really useful:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/29QPD6N>

The successful running of the PTA relies upon support and help from *many, many* volunteers and as such we welcome any parents or carers who would like to offer help in any way, however small. Many hands make light work as they say and we are a friendly group and like to have a lot of fun along the way too! 😊

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Our 'Calendar of Events' is updated as event & dates are confirmed

February

W/c 22nd Feb: - Winners announced from Pancake Cookoff Competition

March

12th March: - Mother's Day Event – details TBC

April

Easter Event TBC

May

End of Half Term Event TBC

June

Father's Day Event TBC

July

End of Term Event TBC



CURRENT PTA COMMITTEE MEMBERS & TRUSTEES

Who are we? Here's a reminder for you, look out for a feature on each of us soon to 'get to know us' a little better!

- PTA Chair: Vicky Ross (Year 5 parent)
- PTA Vice Chair, Special Projects: Catherine Hayes (Year 2 & 4 parent)
- PTA Vice Chair, Communications: Debbie Hann (Year 3 & 5 parent)
- Secretary: Clare Drake (Year 5 parent)
- Treasurer: Kat Sphinx (Year 5 & 6 parent) *

**This will be Kat's final year in the role, if you have an interest in standing for Treasurer please let us know! No previous experience is necessary and it would be great to have an assistant Treasurer to shadow and learn the role prior to Kat standing down.*



Vicky Ross, Chair



Committee Members 2020



Catherine Hayes, Vice Chair



Debbie Hann, Vice Chair



Clare Drake, Secretary



Kat Sphinx, Treasurer



UPDATE ON FUNDRAISING

This half term (September 2020 – January 2021) we have raised with your help:

- ✓ Pre-loved Uniform Sales: £18
- ✓ Online Christmas Market & Raffle: £762
- ✓ ELFridges: £170
- ✓ Christmas Cards: £123
- ✓ Cookbook: £1,816
- ✓ Easyfundraising: £85
- ✓ AmazonSmile: £48.51
- ✓ Donations: £275
- ✓ Estate Agent Boards: £1,000

A special THANK YOU to one incredible family who made such a kind donation!

**Total Raised
this
half term:
£4,297.51**

**Thank you for
your support!**

WHAT HAS THE PTA FUNDED?

This half term (September 2020 – January 2021) we have funded:

- Happy Stones for Remembrance Day
- Christmas Crackers for all children and staff
- Christmas Treat Boxes for each class plus one in Staff Room
- Christmas Gifts & Treats for Office Staff
- Rotary Club Father Christmas Visit
- Christmas Tree from Notcutts and decorations (only tree was donated)
- Garden Project Gardener and upkeep



WHAT IS THE PTA FUNDRAISING FOR?

Our main target is to raise **£8,000** for a large drop-down screen with audio ability for the hall to improve the facilities for assemblies and school productions.

A new PTA notice board will be going up soon, so you can track our progress.

This is a very ambitious target hence we appreciate ALL offers of help!





HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT US?

There are many ways you can support us without spending extra time or energy!

EASYFUNDRAISING & AMAZONSMILE

- Please sign up and remember to use these each time you shop online.
- FREE to sign up and the PTA benefit from FREE donations every time you do your usual online shopping! It's a total win-win! 😊
- Please sign up at the below links:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/clarendonprimaryschoolpta/>

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/homepage/ref=smi_chpf_redirect?ie=UTF8&ein=154760-0&ref=smi_ext_ch_1154760-0_cl

CLARENDON COOKBOOK

- A must-have book, that makes an idea gift for friends/relatives all year round!
- Thank you to all who have purchased already, sales have been great, yet we do still have stock to sell!
- You can purchase via our online shop here: - https://www.pta-events.co.uk/clarendonpta/index.cfm#.YC_3vuj7Q2w

Please send us your feedback and reviews about your favourite recipe/s from the book, a few words are enough, including photos if possible! We can do the rest!

MY NAMETAGS

- Purchase your personalised sticker labels for school uniform and accessories and help the PTA receive FREE donations by using our unique School ID.
- To order use the link below or please remember to enter in our **School ID: 27723** at checkout before paying.

<https://www.mynametags.com/?jsessionid=5D97EA2BC055F15A7ECFB9982E8771DE>

RECYCLING

- Keep saving your used ink cartridges for recycling via the Ink Bin, situated outside the school office every Monday.





- Find out more about the great work the Ink Bin are doing, they have a great children's newsletter on their website with more ideas about caring for the environment: - <https://www.theinkbin.co.uk/>

WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS!

- Christmas wrapping paper and tags, unwanted gifts, toys, books and school uniform all in **good condition** please.
- Plus, your unwanted tech e.g., old laptops and iPads – thank you so much to those who have already generously donated - it is much appreciated!

Please contact us if you have things to donate that you feel we could use!



WHAT DOES THE PTA HAVE PLANNED THIS TERM?

- **Recycling Initiatives** to include used Batteries and unwanted Clothes, Shoes etc.
- **Clarendon Branded Accessories** including PE Bags, Book Bags, Water Bottles, available at reasonable prices soon via our online shop.
- **Clarendon PTA Local Business Directory** of preferred businesses we partner with for our events, offering special rates for our school community.
- **Crowdfunding Platform** to be agreed and shared publicly.

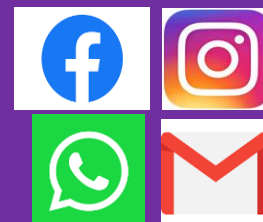
We will announce more details about these plans very soon!

If you are a business owner interested in being in our directory then please get in touch.

Coming Soon!

CONTACT US

- Please keep in touch with us via our **social media, WhatsApp group** and **email**. Our email address is: - clarendonprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com
- If you would like to join our WhatsApp Group please let us know, we'd love to hear from you!





- You will find us on both **Facebook** and **Instagram**, with a growing number of supporters on each platform, so thank you for helping us achieve this!
- Help us raise our profile and presence in the community by **joining in the conversation** on our social media channels, including our growing Facebook Community Group.
- Our fundraising often relies upon the goodwill of local businesses and individuals. So please do **give us a like, follow us, comment** and engage with our posts!
- If you felt able to **write a review** for our Facebook Page this would be so appreciated!

Facebook:- <https://www.facebook.com/clarendonprimaryschoolpta/>

Facebook Group:- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/777637182813139>

Instagram:- <https://www.instagram.com/clarendonprimaryschoolpta/>



THANK YOU FOR READING!
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