



July 2016

Dear Parents

Welcome to the last PTA newsletter for the year!

Before we all go off for a well-deserved break we wanted to share with you a summary of the year, remind you of the changes happening to the PTA committee roles and give you some diary dates for next year.

Fund-raising

It's been a busy year! We started with the ice-skating at Ally Pally, moved swiftly onto the Christmas Fete and then held the Family Disco, Cinema Night and a record-breaking Summer Fete. Along the way we also had a Sponsored Read, ran a second-hand books stall at Wake Up Whetstone, sold tickets and refreshments for the school music night and production AND ended up with the brilliant tea-towels so many of you have bought. Through your support and generosity we have raised an **outstanding £17,000** this year, which is incredible.

This year our fund-raising has brought many many new books, iPads for the Foundation Unit, playground equipment for each class and hymn packs. We're also looking to buy google chromebooks in September. The school continues to have a big wishlist of things we need to raise money for: more books, new chromebooks, visualisers, whiteboards and continued improvements to both playgrounds.

Changes in the PTA

- Imogen Hall and Vanessa Salter are stepping down as joint secretaries of the PTA; Fiona Good and Catherine Goumal are taking on this role together next year.
- Jackie Lau is stepping down as book-keeper and Shelley Stoltz will be looking after this area of the PTA committee.
- As you know we have changed the way we run the Christmas and Summer Fetes this year. The parents of Y1 did a fantastic job of running the Summer Fete and we look forward to seeing the work of the next Y1 parents at Christmas. Other events will be run by whoever is available and willing to help, so don't be shy if you have a great idea for an event - do come along to a committee meeting and share it!

Thank you to Imogen, Vanessa and Jackie for all their hard-work helping the PTA committee to run smoothly for the last two years.

Next term

PTA meetings will be held on Wed 14th Sept, Wed 12th Oct, Wed 16th Nov, Wed 14th Dec.
Suggested date for the Christmas Fete: Sat 10th December

Upcoming events

As always we love to hear any ideas you have for fund-raising events. Suggestions on the table include another family photo day, a family quiz night and an evening where we have a speaker come to talk to us on relevant subjects.

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Finally, thanks...

We would like to thank our church for all the work they have done with us this year - it's been great to see our community working so closely together.

We would also like to thank Martyn Gerrard who continue to be such generous sponsors of our school, and Maxine Yates who makes the relationship between St John's and Martyn Gerrard happen.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of you for your continued ongoing support, both financial and in person. It's been a record year for fund-raising and that's all down to you!

Have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing in September!

Mr Sweetingham & the PTA committee

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