



Parent Teacher
Association

NEWSLETTER

7TH OCTOBER 2020

KEY DATES

Next PTA meeting
Thursday 14th January 2021

STAY IN TOUCH

The PTA has an active social media presence which is an excellent source of information about what is happening in our school.



TelfordPTA



Telford Infant School
PTA Helpers Group

PTA Committee 20/21

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| Headteacher | Sian Oustayiannis |
| Chairperson | Ellie Hutchinson |
| Secretaries | Claire Revell & Sarah Bates |
| Treasurers | Stacey Coombs & James Hutchinson |
| Social Media Lead | Fran Hopes |

Hello...

Welcome to our first PTA newsletter of the year!

Last year was incredibly difficult in so many ways, and unfortunately had a massive impact on our fundraising. Nevertheless, thanks to our wonderful quiz and magical Christmas Fair, we were thrilled to be able to give a cheque to the School (just before lockdown!) for **£8,450**.

**Thank you to everyone who supported us and helped the PTA to raise so much in just a few short months.
Every penny goes to improve our children's education.**

Although this year is going to look very different for all of us and many of our usual activities are unable to go ahead, please rest assured that we are working hard to come up with lots of fun new alternatives which we're very excited to share with you.

Our AGM was once again really well attended, and we are pleased to welcome so many new and enthusiastic volunteers, albeit over zoom! Thank you to everyone who joined and also to those who couldn't make it on the night but have volunteered to help in any way they can.

I look forward to seeing lots of you soon,

Ellie (aka Toby's mum, Magenta Class) x

PICTURE AND PHOTO COMPETITIONS

A fabulous idea that lots of people suggested is to run a picture competition, in fact we loved it so much we have decided to run one every half term!

Our first theme will be a PUMPKIN CARVING competition. This is sponsored by Central Warwickshire NFU Mutual who have kindly donated the prize of an Amazon Fire for the winner!

In exchange for a £1 donation which can be paid via parent pay, we are asking you to send us a photo of your pumpkin (or other vegetables!) to pta.telfordinfants@gmail.com.

If you have or work for a business that would be interested in sponsoring this or a future competition either by providing a prize or a donation to the PTA then we would love to hear from you.



COIN ELEPHANT CHALLENGE

Last year our Coin Snake Challenge was a huge success. It made £460 for the PTA and the children loved it!

The children were asked to bring in any spare change or foreign currency that they had at home and put it in a pot in their classroom. The class in each year that made the longest coin snake won a prize.

This year we are delighted to introduce you to the Coin Elephant Challenge!

Whichever class has the heaviest jar will win a prize and an elephant 'trophy' so get collecting your spare change now!

Once the challenge is complete, all coins will be donated to our school to buy vital learning resources

EASY FUNDRAISING

Did you know that every time you buy something online you could be raising money for the school?

Shop with over 3,000 retailers listed on easyfundraising.org.uk and a percentage of what you spend is passed onto us at no additional cost to you.

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



SECOND HAND UNIFORM, FANCY DRESS, CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!

Over the summer the PTA managed to raise over £200 selling second hand uniform.

We are planning to hold another sale very soon therefore if you have any items of school uniform or fancy dress that you would like to donate we would be very grateful!

In the near future we are also hoping to hold a Christmas jumper sale so if you have any Christmas jumpers that you no longer need please do donate them too!

All donations can be dropped off at 67 Kinross Road at any time.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We're really looking forward to another fabulous Christmas raffle and our elves are already working hard to find more great prizes.

If anyone can spare some time to help us source raffle prizes, or has any contacts who might be able to donate a prize, we would be very grateful.

If you can help please send us an email at pta.telfordinfants@gmail.com or message us on facebook @Telford Infant School PTA Helpers Group.



Thank you so much to the families who have signed up for Telford Top-Up. The money we raise through this scheme is used to buy the essentials that the school budget can't cover and it really is a vital source of income.

Telford Top-Up is a fantastic scheme that invites parents, carers, grandparents and our whole school community to provide a regular contribution to the school and this year it's going to be more important than ever!

Donations can be made through one off donations or regular monthly giving. The scheme guarantees a regular income and provides an alternative opportunity to contribute to the school even if a lack of time, or at the moment Covid-19 regulations, prevent other involvement in fundraising activities.

It's really very easy to sign up for the scheme and information about how you can do so will be sent out via tapestry, e-schools and email.

Alternatively please visit the school website www.telfordinfant.co.uk and search 'Fundraising' to find out more.



CLASS REPS

We are pleased that appointing class reps worked really well again last year. Our reps are an extra line of communication between parents and the PTA.

Our class reps this year are:

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| CHERRY | Kerys Morgan Smith |
| MAGENTA | Caroline Garner |
| CRIMSON | Laura Heathfield |
| AMBER | Vanessa May |
| PRIMROSE | Sarah Bates |
| SUNSHINE | Adele Carter |
| SAPPHIRE | Becks Stewart |
| INDIGO | Hannah Buist |
| TURQUOISE | Kate Chown |



MATCH FUNDING

Can you help us to raise money through your employer?

Last year we raised over £1,600 through match funding alone!

Many companies offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by matching the money they raise. They match the fundraising total for an event or stall that their employee is volunteering on.

Generally speaking, banks and building societies, insurance companies, supermarkets, utilities providers and car manufacturers all offer match funding, but there are plenty more as well!

We can manage any admin that's required, we just need you to make the initial request to your employer.

Please check with your employers and if you can help in this way and then email to pta.telford@gmail.com.