



SHERINGDALE PTA

Newsletter

JULY 2017

As another school year draws to a close, the PTA Committee would like to sincerely thank everyone for your continued support. Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, organised fundraising events, donated goods, bought raffle tickets, made cakes and turned up to PTA events with friends and family.

We would particularly like to thank our fantastic PTA Class Representatives and individual parents who organised all our fundraising events throughout the year. We are very lucky to have such active and passionate parents who bring us together to fundraise for the on-going benefit of our school and children.

Following is an update on all our fundraising activities and the enrichment activities we have supported throughout the year.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing break over the holidays and look forward to seeing you again in September.

INFANTS PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT

Our main fundraising goal this year was to raise £17,000 for the refurbishment of the Infants Playground into an exciting and imaginative play space.

We are very happy to report we have reached our fundraising target and our contribution joins the £13,000, committed by the school, making a total investment £30,000 in the playground.

The playground will be built primarily off-site and installed in the new school year. We will let you know when the work is to be scheduled, once timings have been finalised with the contractor.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We have had a very successful term of fundraising, due to a huge effort from so many people.

The Summer Fair broke all previous records raising an amazing £7,000 with a further £2,400 sponsorship from John D Wood – bringing the total to £9,400. Thank you to Debbie Lawrence who did an incredible job organising the Fair alongside her roles as school Governor and full-time working parent.

The Silent Auction raised an extraordinary £3,600. Thank you to Louise Stevens for raising an amazing range of fabulous prizes and organising such a valuable fundraiser.

Donations to the PTA including via the website mydonate.bt.com/charities/sheringdalepta raised a further £2,270. Thank you to everyone who made a generous donation. Most of the donations will go to the Infants Playground with a few going towards the Singing Project, as requested by the donors.

The Summer Bop raised an additional £850, Cake Sales £700, Bags2School £100 and the Boden Party another £257.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

The PTA aims to balance our investment in long-term projects such as the Infants Playground with funding of on-going enrichment activities for all the children at Sheringdale.

Once again, the PTA funded every child from Year 1 to Year 6 (except Year 5 as there was no availability) to spend one term taking part in the Singing Project run by the Wandsworth Schools' Music Service. Year 5 had the opportunity to learn about jazz music through collaboration with the World Heart Beat Music Academy.

In January the children enjoyed Maths Day with the PTA paying £500 towards the Puzzle Company who provided puzzles, games and a maths workshop for each class.

In March the school celebrated World Book Day with a book swap and snack provided by the PTA. The PTA also donated £420 for the purchase of new library books throughout the school.

The PTA also paid £500 towards the Science Day in July and £200 towards the Year 6 production of Olivia.

YEAR SIX LEAVERS

This year the PTA gave £450 per class to the Year 6 Leavers Party. Funding the Year Six Leavers is a long-standing tradition that allows Year 6 children to mark the end of their time at Sheringdale in a truly special way, while ensuring that regardless of their circumstances, every child and their family are included in the celebrations.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

We have a number of fundraising and social events to kick-start the new school year. Please pencil them in your diaries, as we would love to see you there.

WELCOME BBQ – September

We will be welcoming new parents and current parents back to school with an informal evening of BBQ, salads and drinks. Venue and date TBC.

PTA AGM – Thursday 28 September

Come and hear all about what the PTA has been doing and further details of our fundraising and spending plans. This is a great opportunity to have your say and also volunteer to become involved even in the smallest way.

HALLOWEEN DISCO – Friday 3 November

The first disco of the year will be a glow in the dark Halloween extravaganza.

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR – Friday 1 December

Mulled wine, Santa's Grotto and more!

ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT – February / March

The date is not set but keep an eye out for the return of this hugely popular event in February. You will not want to miss it!

HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE PTA

Become a Class Representative: Being your Class Representative is a fantastic way to become involved in the PTA. Class Representatives liaise between the parents in each class and the PTA Committee to help parents get involved in the Christmas and Summer Fairs – and other PTA projects.

Class Representatives also organise the all important class social events as well as collections for the teachers at Christmas and End of Year.

Volunteer To Run a Project: We run many projects big and small throughout the year. Every project helps raise funds for the children and the school.

Some can be done in a few hours, some are a little time each week and others take more time but raise significant funds for the school. Many of the projects have been running for a while so any resources, contacts and advice are available to make the job easier.

Join the PTA Committee: The PTA Committee works with the school to determine how best to spend PTA funds. Any parent who runs a PTA project can volunteer to join the PTA Committee. We meet every half-term.

PTA COMMITTEE CHANGES

I have been an active member of the PTA for the last seven years and have thoroughly enjoyed working with our fantastic parents and teachers to raise funds for our school. It has been a privilege to watch our kids perform in the Singing Project, enjoy the Fairs with their families and friends, participate in Maths, Science and World Book Days and watch them benefit from playground equipment and resources we have paid for

At the AGM in September, I will be stepping down as Chair and Trustee of the PTA. I will also be stepping down from the Committee along with five other long-standing members who feel the time has come for other parents to step up and take responsibility for the PTA.

The positions available include Chair, Secretary and a variety of Committee Member positions. To be a member of the PTA Committee you simply need to be a parent or carer at the school and be responsible for the running of PTA project – small or large. A number of experienced PTA Committee Members will remain to ensure a smooth transition. If you would like to know more about being on the PTA Committee and the different roles, please email me at sheringdalepta@gmail.com. Lisa Perkinson – PTA Chair.

CONTACT

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch please email sheringdalepta@gmail.com

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