



# SHERINGDALE PTA NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2015

Welcome back to Sheringdale and a special welcome to all the new children, parents and carers to our wonderful school.

The Sheringdale PTA raises funds to support and enrich the school life of all the children at Sheringdale. We also aim to bring together our community of parents, carers, teachers and children through social and fundraising events for all to enjoy.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who has supported the Sheringdale PTA (formerly the SSA) and our fundraising efforts over the last year. It was another busy and successful year enabling us to support the school in the [purchase of an additional 30 iPads](#) and to continue supporting the educational enrichment activities for our children throughout the school year.

This newsletter aims to give you an overview of the fundraising events, where funds have been spent and how you can get involved in supporting and helping on the PTA.

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## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We kick-started the year with another fabulous [Quiz Night](#). Over 100 parents filled the Hall and had enormous fun pitting their wits and knowledge against each other and the teachers.

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The [Christmas Fair](#) in December was another great success with the children having a fantastic time. Along with the sale of [Christmas Cards](#), [Christmas Trees](#) and delicious [Christmas Puddings](#) the PTA raised over £6,000.

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The [Summer Fair](#) was the most successful to date. There was a fantastic atmosphere and Sheringdale's entire community of parents, teachers and children all came together to help make it a wonderful day.

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The [Sheringdale Treasury](#), beautifully showing a piece of written work by every child in the school, was launched in June 2015. Completely paid for by sponsorship all the funds raised will go towards World Book Day in 2016.

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Throughout the year, the PTA also raised funds with sponsorship by [John D Wood](#) and [Youngs](#), the [Spring Disco](#), donations via [Bags2School](#), sale of [Wimbledon Theatre tickets](#) and [Sheringdale Merchandise](#).

## WHERE THE FUNDS HAVE BEEN SPENT

Every year the Sheringdale PTA gives each class [£10 per child](#) to spend supporting the educational enrichment of the class. Classes enjoyed trips to Fulham Palace, the British Museum and a boat trip along the Thames.

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Every child from Year 1 to Year 6 spent one term taking part in the [Singing Project](#) run by [Wandsworth Schools' Music Service](#). It was a huge success and the children loved learning new music and performing for their families.

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To celebrate [World Book Day](#) the PTA bought every child a new book and a delicious breakfast of juice and croissants.

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The author [Jeremy Strong](#) visited in September presenting three workshops, which were hugely enjoyed by the children.

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In July we donated half the cost of [30 new iPads](#) and a security trolley to the school.

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In addition, the PTA also provided [fruit for Sports Day](#), a [book and t-shirt for each Year Six child](#) as a reminder of their years at Sheringdale, paid the annual subscription and books costs to [Bug Club](#), paid for [Black History Month](#) activities and contributed to the costs of the [Year Six show](#), [Bugsy Malone](#).

## HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE PTA

**VOLUNTEER TO BE CLASS REP:** Being your Class Rep is a fantastic way to become involved in the PTA. Class Reps liaise between the parents in each class and the PTA Committee, so parents know how they can get involved in the Christmas and Summer Fairs – and other PTA projects. Reps 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. Large or small, every project helps raise funds for the PTA and 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.

### ONE-OFF PROJECTS:

Parent's Social Evening, Christmas Cards (8 – 10 hours for 1 person), Christmas Puddings (3-4 hours for 1 person), Vallebonna Panetone (3-4 hours for 1 person), Christmas Fair (30 hours total over 4 weeks), Carol Evening Drinks (2-4 hours for 1 person), World Book Day (3-4 hours for 1 person), School Disco (5-6 hours for 2-3 people), Summer Fair (30-40 hours total over 6 weeks), Sports Day (2 hours for 1 person) and the Summer Show Drinks (2-4 hours for 1 person).

### ONGOING PROJECTS:

Abel & Cole (1 hour a week for 1 person), Bags2School (2-3 hours each term for 1 person), Micro Scooters (2-3 hours a term for 1 person) and Sheringdale Merchandise (2-3 hours a term for 1 person).

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## SCHOOL FAIR ORGANISERS NEEDED

After 4 years, Lisa (Ben Y5 & Dan Y4) is stepping down from organising the Christmas and Summer Fairs. These are the two biggest fundraisers of the year so we are looking for volunteers to take over these essential fundraisers. Lisa is happy to hand over all her contacts, detailed project tasks, resources, email templates plus provide ongoing advice to any volunteers.

The Sheringdale PTA AGM will be held on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September** at 8pm.

It is a great opportunity to find out all about the fundraising activities of the PTA, upcoming spending plans and social events. It is also the perfect time to share ideas and learn how you can get involved in the PTA.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Have your say at the PTA AGM on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015** at 8pm.

All the fun of the **Christmas Fair** will return on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** from 3:30pm.

**Quiz Night** returns on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016** from 8pm.

Let's hope the sun will make a return for the **Summer Fair** on **Saturday 25<sup>st</sup> June 2015**.

The dates for the **Wine Tasting Evening**, **School Disco** and **Parent's Social Evening** will be announced once confirmed.

## CONTACT

If you are interested in becoming a Class Rep, volunteering to run a project or just have a question please email Steve Wood (PTA Chair) on [pta@sheringdale.org](mailto:pta@sheringdale.org)

## PTA COMMITTEE

Steve Wood (Chair), Lisa Perkinson (Vice-Chair), Natasha Fison (Treasurer), Louise Wright, Sara Atkinson, Juliet Morel, Jacquie Humbert, Charlotte Henderson, Debbie Lawrence and Clare Lyon-Collins.