

PTFA Newsletter Autumn Term 2023 / 2024



Welcome to the first PTFA Newsletter of the 2023 / 2024 school year. We hope you've had a wonderful summer and have settled back in to school life.

For those new to All Saints, the PTFA (Parent, Teachers and Friends Association) are a group of parents who work with Mrs Bradley and her team to raise much needed funds for school through a variety of ways.

All funds raised by PTFA events go back in to school to help pay for additional items. Last year the PTFA funded coach transport for school trips, the annual Athletics subscription and helped towards the cost of repairs to the adventure trail. Our current goal is to purchase an outdoor classroom for the Forest School area. We have already received a substantial offer of help from Standon Hall and we are hoping this project will move forward this year.

The current PTFA committee is:

Chair Person – Gemma Macdonald

Deputy Chair Person – Nadine Dancer

Treasurer – Suz Higgins

Secretary – Nicola Philpott

We have a great team of parents behind the scenes who regularly support the committee and work extremely hard planning, sourcing raffle prizes, volunteering at events and much, much more. None of this would be possible without them, however we are always looking for more volunteers so please do consider joining us. Any time or help is always gratefully received.

PTFA Fundraising

There are a couple of ways you can help the PTFA raise money without having to do too much!

Name Labels – Mrs Bradley has already requested that all uniform items are named. Sticky name labels can be purchased online from a variety of companies. www.stikins.co.uk offer 30% commission to All Saints on all orders. Just remember to enter the code 427 at checkout. Commission is received annually, so it doesn't matter when Stikins are purchased.

Employer Match Funding

We are lucky enough to have at least one of our parents who works for a company that offers Match Funding as part of their employment. Lots of companies pledge to match a sum of money relating to the amount raised or donated to charity by their employees. As All Saints PTFA is a registered charity, this can be worth a considerable amount. Please do check if your employer offers a similar scheme as for a few hours involvement with the PTFA you could really boost fund raising efforts.

Easy Fundraising App

We are registered with easyfundraising.org.uk who partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate a part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. You can set up an account online or download the app and set up a donation reminder that activates each time you visit a website. The cost of the donation is covered by the brand so you won't incur any extra costs. It's so simple to use and is such an easy way to fundraise. So far, All Saints have received nearly £1,600 just from our supporters activating the donation reminder while doing their online shopping.

Pre-loved School Uniform

If you have any uniform from previous years that you no longer need, please consider donating to the PTFA so we can get our uniform shop up and running as soon as possible.

Communication

We will send out regular information and reminders via email from the School Office however if you are a Social Media user please follow the PTFA page on FaceBook. You will find us at All Saints First School Standon PTFA.

Meeting Dates

We aim to hold a full PTFA Committee Meeting each term and dates for this year are to be confirmed. We will let you know as soon as these have been arranged. If you are able to come along, please do. For parents attending PTFA meetings held after school, children are able to stay in Kingfisher Club for free.


Diary Dates

To try and make life a little easier for all, event dates have been agreed with Mrs Bradley for the year and have been included in the school calendar. Firm favourites such as the Christmas Fayre and Summer Fayre will be back along with Ice Cream Fridays in the summer term. Further information and reminders will be sent out as normal and diary dates for each half term will be included in the PTFA Newsletter going forward. Dates to remember for this half term are on the following page.

Finally if anyone has any ideas for fundraising, please let the PTFA know as we are always open to suggestions.

Many thanks, as ever, for your continued support.

All Saints PTFA.



Date	Event	Time
20.10.23	Donut / Cookie Sale	3.30pm
26.10.23	Pumpkin Sale	3.30pm
17.11.23	Tombola Donations for Christmas Fayre (Children)	Please bring donations to school at the start of the day
24.11.23	Tombola Donations for Christmas Fayre (Adult)	Please bring donations to school at the start of the day
01.12.23	CHRISTMAS FAYRE	Time TBC
08.12.23	Donut / Cookie Sale	3.30pm