



# St John's C of E (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents

## **St John's Primary School PTA**

Thank you for your support with all of the PTA fundraising events in the last term.

We are aware that some of you have had concerns about the number of events there have been, as well as questions about where the money has been spent.

In the future we are going to make it clear in the information you receive whether events are being run by the school (for example, the hot-dog sales have been raising money for the Rock Challenge expenses), whether they are events for charity (such as Red Nose Day and Children in Need) or being run by the PTA to raise money for things such as reading books, dictionaries etc. We know there has been some confusion about this.

Also, next term we intend to map out all fundraising events – run by the school and PTA - and school trips so that parents will know in advance what is happening throughout the academic year.

Next term the PTA are running the following fund-raising events:

- 29<sup>th</sup> April 'Happy Bag' collection day. Details about this have already been sent and you should have received the bag.
- 17<sup>th</sup> May 'Break the rules day' Details to follow
- 20<sup>th</sup> May The Great St John's Bake off and Mad Hatter's Tea Party.
- 19<sup>th</sup> June Uniform Sale and Pop-up shop
- 17<sup>th</sup> July Summer Disco and Year 6 Leavers' Disco + BBQ

In the past the PTA have funded buying Christmas crackers, the coach for Rock Challenge, books for Y2, sheds for YR, dictionaries, playground equipment and snacks and drink for discos. The money raised from World Book Day is going towards paying for an author to visit school in the autumn term.

Money from recent events and those listed above will be used to buy the school the following items that teachers have asked the PTA to buy:

- Books for the 'Reading Challenge'
- Notes and pencils for the 'Reading Challenge'
- Mobile sound system and microphone
- Hi-viz jackets for children
- Sensory items for ELSA and SEN

Over the last few years money has also been raised for Year 6 children to have a completely free end of year trip. Last year we took Year 6 to Paulton's Park and the year before we went to Tile Barn. We would like to make this an annual commitment for year 6 so that all children will have the opportunity to attend a free visit.

The money from the Mad Hatter's Tea Party will be used to support this Year 6 event towards the end of the summer term.

The school is fully behind our PTA and we appreciate their efforts and commitment in order to improve the resources and experiences our children have. Thank you to the parents who came to the last meeting and have joined the team. If you are interested in sharing your ideas and supporting the PTA, please come along to the next meeting. Date to follow.

We wish you all a very happy Easter break.

Kind regards

Senior Leadership Team