

## Welcome

to the first issue of our termly newsletter. Each edition will keep you up to date with our achievements, money raised so far, upcoming events and how you can get involved. Enjoy!



PTA elves Laura and Lucia at the Christmas Market

## Fundraising news

We have had a busy time in terms 1 and 2, with some new PTA events being held as well as many of the old favourites.

In November we held the inaugural Wreath Making Night, with participants discovering their creative side and producing some amazing wreaths! The event was a huge success and we hope to make this part of the 2020/21 calendar too.

Other events included the Sponsored Fun Run, Monster Ball and Christmas Gift Stall.

However, the main event across these two terms was the Christmas Market.

Always a popular event, this year was no exception with over 70 paying customers as well as many school children. A fine time was had by all!

The events held in terms 1 & 2 raised a total of **£4,397** what a fantastic sum!

## Where your money goes...

This year, we will be helping the school to fund the following projects: KS1 playground equipment and Athletics subscription for the next three years. And as in previous years, we have paid for the bibles presented to Reception class at the start of their journey at St George's and we have committed to purchase leaving gifts for the Year 6 children.

## Events calendar

We are planning various events for terms 3 and 4, including the return of the hugely popular...



### FRIDAY

**31 January**

Family Quiz Night

### FRIDAY

**7 February**

Red Disco

### FRIDAY

**6 March**

St George's Got Talent

### MONDAY

**16 March**

Mothers' Day Gift Stall

### FRIDAY

**20 March**

Cake Club & Last Chance Gift Stall

### WEDNESDAY

**1 April**

Easter Raffle

## How egg-citing!

We are also hoping to organise an Easter Egg Hunt after school towards the end of Term 4 - more details to follow.



## *We need your help*

We are always on the lookout for new faces to join the PTA Committee. We understand that work and family commitments may mean that you are not able to volunteer to help at all (or any) events, but there are many other ways that you could help...

- Providing a skill that may be helpful to the committee, such as design or secretarial experience.
- 'Behind the scenes' help – e.g. wrapping presents for gift stalls or labelling raffle prizes.
- Helping the PTA to save costs by providing (or baking!) a cake for the Pop-Up Cafes held during the year.
- Making a donation of goods or services for a raffle prize.
- Linking the PTA with a company that operates a Corporate Match Funding Scheme – perhaps your own or your partner's employer?
- Using the 'Shop & Give' app when shopping online, which automatically raises funds for the PTA.
- By far the most important way of helping the PTA is by supporting our events during the school year. Without this, we would not be able to operate!

A huge thanks to the Hodges family who raised a fantastic  
**£224.34**  
from their Christmas lights extravaganza

*With thanks* Aside from the PTA Committee, there are many other helping hands, from the teaching staff who stay behind to assist with events outside of school hours, to support staff who provide photocopying, money collection and event set-up services, to name but a few!



## *Meet the team*

All parents are automatically part of the PTA at St George's, but if you would like to get more involved, please pass your details onto the school office, or speak to one of the 2019/20 PTA Team:

Lucia Pope Sarova (Yr 4), Laura Finley (Yrs R,5,6), Anna Watling (Yrs 1,3), Ragan Saunders (Yr 4), Michelle Colclough (Yrs 1,6).



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## *Unwanted gifts?*

Did you receive a gift this Christmas that wasn't quite your taste (or a duplicate gift)? We'd love any donations that can be used as prizes or at future events. Please hand any donations to the school office, thank you!

