



# PTA NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of myself and the PTA Committee we would like to wish you a very Happy New Year and while Christmas feels like a distant memory, we do hope you had a good one!

The 'final' figure raised from the Christmas Fair held last month, after expenses, was **£5643.39** (this included match funding that has been confirmed, but not received into the bank yet). Thank you to Nicola Plante and Steve Connah who both, through the companies they work for, helped with the successful applications for Match Funding.

Although we received less match funding this year, we have managed to increase our overall profit. This was helped by the introduction of the Silent Auction which raised £333 along with a variety of additional donations totalling £230. Raffle Ticket sales came in at £1171 and thanks to some very generous donations and gifts from local and far reaching businesses, a huge impact was made both on increasing revenue for the school and also helping reducing the costs of running the fair by almost 50%. Please see attached Sponsor sheet.

Another new addition this year was a Bar which was a great success and kindly organised and run by Mr Devoy, who has his own events company [www.thecanvastentcompany.com](http://www.thecanvastentcompany.com). They also kindly provided the lighting that was placed along the railings and entrance!

A huge thanks to each and every one of you for your contributions, support and donations of raffle prizes, chocolates, homemade cakes and fudge etc., all of which made the Fair a super success.

Finally, thank you to the fabulous volunteers, it simply couldn't have happened on the night without you guys!

To help us improve future PTA events we would love to get your views and ideas. Please use the link below to complete a very short survey which will help us in future planning.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ZyLMVaCz3FCB4BRu2oCKlwvOAZV\\_gDSil8Yv0W-wLw/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ZyLMVaCz3FCB4BRu2oCKlwvOAZV_gDSil8Yv0W-wLw/edit?usp=sharing)

## So what do we plan to do with the funds?

We've discussed this at length with Mr Talbot and agreed that the school would like to purchase a class set of new laptops/tablets. Further information will be shared at a later date.

## Pre-Loved Uniform

We have built up quite a stock of used uniform and this will be available to purchase at low prices during the Book Fair week. We will also be writing later in the year to again request donations of second hand uniform which will be put on sale before the end of the school year.

## Dates for your diaries:

Spring Disco	-	12 <sup>th</sup> February
Smarties Challenge	-	16 <sup>th</sup> March
Book Fair & Pre Loved Uniform Sale	-	23rd -27th March
Easter Bingo	-	1 <sup>st</sup> April
Quiz Night	-	5 <sup>th</sup> June

Kindest Regards,

Olivia Gunson and your PTA Committee