ST Giles PTFA

Newsletter May 2024

Spring Update

Hello! Welcome to our Spring newsletter following on from our AGM last week - we have lots to update you on. Since our last update in Autumn 2023, we have raised over £450 thanks to a Christmas hamper raffle at the infant nativity plays, the Secret Santa event and from the recent school disco. A huge thank you for all your support at these events.

I am sure you are aware that some PTFA money has been spent on items for the playground. After much deliberation the school council chose to spend the money on scooters, helmets, kneepads and a cosy gazebo. It has been lovely hearing how much the children have enjoyed having these treats at lunchtime. On top of this donation, we contributed money to every child's pantomime ticket and paid for ice creams at the pantomime. The pantomime continues to be a popular all-school event and it is great that the PTFA can help make the financial demand of it a little easier.

Thanks

I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the committee for all their hard work. I'd like to especially thank Kate Stokes who has helped for years, and recently stood down at the AGM - many thanks Kate. Secondly, I'd like to thank those that have stepped into new roles on the PTFA - Charlie Guttridge, Kim Jackson and most recently Sarah Wishaw – we're very grateful indeed. Thirdly, a big thank you to Miss Simpson who has really helped moved things on by attending the meetings and of course finally to Sally Bednall who continues to give her unwavering support.

I feel really proud of what we have achieved as a PTFA, especially given we are such a small school. I hope the above events will continue to support our happy, thriving school community and I am really looking forward to seeing how much we can raise for the 2024 challenge!

Laura

Laura Hickinbotham,
Chair of St Giles PTFA

Contact us: stgilesptfa@gmail.com, on our facebook page "Friends of St Giles PTFA", or catch us at the school gate!



Support our events planned for the summer term:

2024 Challenge

Like last year, we are setting the children the challenge of raising a minimum of £20 and 24p each. They can do this in any way they wish - examples include a sponsored swim or silence, a readathon, car washing, cartwheeling or a car boot sale. Sponsorship forms are attached to this letter. This event was phenomenally successful last year, raising almost £1000. This is a KEY fundraising event for the PTFA and critical for us to continue providing all the things we do for the children. We are really hoping we can beat last years total! Names of all children that enter sponsorship money will be put into a prize draw at the end. The event launches on Friday 3rd May with sponsorship forms coming home. Please can any money raised be handed in to the school office by Monday 10th June.

Family Walk 19th May

We really wanted to arrange a family event this year. We have therefore organised a family walk on Sunday 19th May; please arrive at the school gates for 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start time, bring a drink & snack. It is a short 3km pushchair & dog friendly walk. If it is nice weather, we aim to stop for snacks and a play halfway round. You will be greeted by cake at the end. All children attending must be accompanied on the walk by an adult. Any children wishing to use the walk as their sponsored event can do so!

Quiz Night Friday 21st June

Starkholmes Village Hall

This will be a fun opportunity for all parents & carers to come along with friends and family for some friendly rivalry. The bar will be open all evening. Ticket proceeds will go to the PTFA. More information to follow nearer the time (please note it is now on the Friday not Saturday 22nd June as

originally planned)

Other Ways you can help:

❄ We are always on the lookout for new members. You can commit as little or as much time as you have. The bare minimum commitment is attending our 3 formal meetings, held over the year. You can get as involved as you wish in organising an event. We are a very friendly, low-key group! It is a wonderful way to feel a part of the school community and to meet new friends. Please let the school office know if you are interested and they will pass on my contact details.

❄ Do you have any useful skills or contacts that we could use? We are open to anything!

❄ To continue to support the events we organise as much as possible!

❄ Hosting a party this summer? The PTFA Party Box is available for hire and contains what you might need for your party tea (beakers, jugs, cutlery, plates, bowls, trays, napkins, table covers). Enjoy your party, save waste! It is £10 per hire; contact us for details.

❄ Easy Fundraising is a way of contributing to the PTFA each time you shop online. If you sign up we can raise even more for our school. Sign up at easyfundraising.org.uk and search for our cause "Friends of St Giles PTFA Matlock". Use the mobile app or browser extension each time you shop to raise money.