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PTFA Newsletter

Thank you!
It has been wonderful to see you all at in-person events again this year and our thanks go out to everyone who came along to the Easter Fair fundraiser for Ukraine. Being able to contribute such a large amount (over £1000!) to the Ukraine appeals was incredible. We were so grateful for all the help received on the day and for donations from local businesses to whom we have sent thank you cards made by the children at After School Club.

In addition to the Easter Fair, your contributions to our other fundraisers over the year mean that we are in a position to be able to support the usual end of term treats and leavers photos. In terms of larger spending plans which will benefit the whole school, the committee has decided to discuss plans with Mr Williams once he is settled in next term.

AGM & New Committee
Our AGM took place on the 11th May and we were all sad to be saying goodbye over the next year to some of the existing committee. Charlotte Brett, as Chair, Kate Watkins, as Treasurer and Charlotte Kelly, as Secretary, will gradually hand the reins to the incoming committee. The contribution made by these three amazing women over the past few years in leading and developing the PTFA has been outstanding. They have grown the PTFA into a hidden gem of the Starkholmes community. We would all like to thank them for their hard work and service to the school. We also said goodbye and thanks to Rhian Barker who joined the team just as covid hit and has helped behind the scenes ever since.

The new team going forwards includes Laura Hickinbotham as co-Chair, taking over when Charlotte steps down later next year, a duo-treasurer team of Abigail and Ed Gibson, and Emma Birkett as Secretary. We also welcomed new members and re-elected existing members: Esther Ransome, Claire Gibson, Sarah Hopkinson, Clare Clements, Ellie Duncan and Kate Stokes.

We would love to meet more of our parents, please say hi in the school queue or at the Disco or Sports Day! Parents, friends and teachers are always welcome to come along to our meetings or to volunteer at our events during the year.

Buddies & Mini Medics
We were delighted to be able to purchase a buddy bench for the school and this was presented to the children during collective worship a few weeks ago. The bench is now located in the playground and the children are learning how to be a good buddy if they see someone sitting on the bench in need of company. At the end of June we were also able to bring in paramedics from Paramedical First Aid to teach the children the basics of first aid including what to do in an emergency. Our thanks to Kate Watkins for organising the day. We hope they all enjoyed it, and hope you enjoyed being put in the recovery position that evening!



Easy Fundraising
Don't forget we have a competition running to see who can raise the most money on easyfundraising for the PTFA between now and September. The winner will receive a £20 gift voucher for Matlock's Cafe in the Park. Check out the links on our facebook page for how to join Easy Fundraising. Easy Fundraising allows the PTFA to collect a donation from retailers when you shop online, It's easy to use and costs you nothing!

Party Box
Now that children's parties are fully back on the agenda, we wanted to remind you that we have a Party Box available for hire in school. The party box contains everything you need for a party: plates, cups, cutlery, table cloths, napkins and serving jugs/bowls. This is available for hire for £10, just contact the PTFA in person or via reception.



Uniform & Refreshments at Sports Day
There will be a uniform sale at Sports Day so please drop in any second hand uniform or bring a donation to buy some. We will also have refreshments available for parents on Friday morning.

Hello, Thank you & Goodbye!
Finally, we would like to say a big warm welcome to our incoming Head of School and Heateacher. The work that the teaching team, support staff and governors have done to get us to this point has been a huge undertaking coming out of the covid-times and we wanted to pass on our thanks to the whole St Giles team. Although we've not worked with Mrs Robinson for long, we are grateful for her support at events this year and wish her all the best with her next challenge.