



13th January 2022

Happy New Year

St Joseph's PTA: What have we been doing, what's coming up and how can you help

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and a very happy New Year. We were really hoping to be able to return to indoor events in the New Year. As it stands we remain cautious but that hasn't held us back with our fundraising efforts.

What have we been doing?

We have had a busy start to this academic year and we wanted to thank everyone for their support so far. Here are just some of the highlights of what we have been up to so far.

A spectacular fireworks display raised £1,991

The colour themed hampers helped the Christmas Raffle raise £826

We were successful in our first grant application in relation to the Log Trail fundraising (£500 from Renishaw)

Film nights raised £416

The Friday cake raffle raised £306

Donations raised £250 (including £120 raised through Joanne Smee's amazing Christmas lights) with a further £56 from gift aid

Ice lolly sales raised £178

Cake and hot chocolate sales raised £132

Preloved uniform raised £125

The KS2 carol concert raised £58

Commission from Easy fundraising and Amazon on your online purchases raised £32

So what have we done with the money we have raised? We have provided:

A creativity shed and resources

A visualizer for Miss Berry's class

Fabric and costumes for the nativity productions

We are also in the process of ordering:

Around £1,000 worth of books

Over £700 worth of playground equipment



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What's coming up

The School Council are hoping to share an exciting update with you very soon on where we are with the log trail fundraising, so watch this space.

Meanwhile, here are a few dates for the diary:

Thursday 13th January – our first cake raffle of the year! Tickets will be on sale in the playground after school with the draw taking place in the assembly on Friday. If it is wet you will find the Year 6 ticket sellers in the gazebo or simply email the PTA with the number of tickets required and make your online payment.

Friday 21st January – the PTA will be selling cakes and hot chocolate in the playground. Why don't you come along and sample the produce (we're always happy to have help from any bakers out there – email the PTA or catch one of us in the playground if you can help us out!)

Thursday 27th January – cake raffle

Friday 4th February – hot chocolate and cake sale

Thursday 10th February – cake raffle

Friday 18th February – get set for a Smartie Challenge over the February half term

How can you help?

We are always looking for new parents to join us, why don't you come along to one of our PTA meetings (currently being held virtually) and say hello.

Keep in touch on Facebook - [St Joseph's Fundraising page | Facebook](#)

We have a closed, secure Facebook page managed by Alexa. Join the Group and you can keep in touch with fundraising activities and future events when they run again. (Link above) Or - Search for **St Joseph's Fundraising page** in Groups on Facebook and ask to join.

If you have any ideas that will support fundraising, we'd love to hear them too! Just message us on Facebook or email: pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk

Other ways you can help St Joseph's and the PTA with fundraising:

Use 'Easy Fundraising' for your online purchases and support the school

There is one really easy way that you can raise extra funds for the school, at no additional expense to you.



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We have an 'easy fundraising' page set up for your online purchases. Simply visit our page and set your account up for free: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephparentteacher/>.

When you then visit online retailers such as **Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, M&S, eBay, Confused.com, Clarks, Gap, Boohoo** and many others, you'll see the easyfundraising logo above their website link. Click that and you will activate your account from that retailer whilst still being directed to their website. Any purchase you make will result in the retailer making a small contribution to our fundraising at no additional cost to you. Easy!

We also have an 'Amazon Smile' account setup. So, if you do a lot of your shopping through Amazon, make sure you download the Amazon Smile app or go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and select St Joseph's PTA as your chosen charity for donations. We will then receive donations from Amazon on any purchases that are eligible. You can also keep track on how much you have raised 😊

Don't forget we also sell preloved school uniform, simply contact Heidi via our Facebook page. We are always on the lookout for excellent condition donations of St Joseph's branded items. This year we have also launched a new initiative where we are collecting Christmas jumpers and these will be sold later in the year ready for the Christmas period. Simply pass your Christmas jumpers on to Heidi and we'll do the rest.

We are always looking to maximise fundraising initiatives so if you do make a donation please consider completing a gift aid declaration so we can claim an additional 25%. We would be really excited to hear from anyone whose workplace offers match funding on sponsored activities so that we can boost our funds that way too.

Even in these very tough times, we're still aiming to raise funds to give our children an even better experience at St Joseph's, and we very much look forward to your support and appreciate any contribution you can make. Contact us anytime at: pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk.

Kind regards
The PTA Committee

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