



PTA NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Autumn 2023 newsletter. We've had a super busy term, not only getting to grips with the PTA but also with some new events taking place.

We'd like to introduce the new committee office bearers who joined at the start of this term.



Nikki Large
(Co-Chair)



Sam Millen
(Co-Chair)



Sarah Wallace
(Secretary)



Jo Barnes
(Treasurer)



Cath Ellis
(Committee Member Leader)

We'd also like to say a huge thank you to the outgoing committee - Caroline Martin and Lou Upjohn as Co-Chairs, and Rachel Dean as Treasurer, who have all done a wonderful job over the past two years. A shout-out to Rachel, who has held the post for eight years which could well be a record - definitely time for a break!

EVENTS DURING AUTUMN

Movie Night

The children enjoyed our first movie night of the term - showing Elemental in the Hall.

DIY Pizza Kits

Lots of great feedback from our first Doughies pizza event - the children had lots of fun making their dinners - you're welcome parents 😊

Doughies will be back in the Spring Term - details to follow.



Pumpkin Decorating Competition

Well done to all the children who took part in the pumpkin decorating competition. Helen, one of our reader volunteers, said it was very difficult to judge the wonderful entries. Children with winning entries were given a prize in celebration assembly.



Be Bright, Be Seen

As part of the be bright, be seen campaign, the PTA have gifted all the children a high-vis vest to wear - we're delighted to see lots of the children wearing them when walking, biking and scooting to and from school!





Christmas Fair & Mini Carol Service

Amport's first PTA Christmas Fair was a huge success. The event raised an incredible £1,237! Thank you to all who came along - we hope you enjoyed the afternoon.

A massive thank you to the children for the joyful carol service, and to all who helped set up and clear away, staffed stalls, baked and bought cakes (special mention to Lucy Shaw who made lots of incredible reindeer cakes).

The PTA has allocated a fund of £800 from this event to improve the sports equipment and kit. We've asked Miss Boddington (School Sports Lead) and the Year 6 Sports Ambassadors for their wish list – watch this space!

Christmas Disco

The Hall was packed and the children had a brilliant time dancing and playing.

And, of course - the unofficial Amport theme song was requested and belted out by the kids - Rick Astley's never gonna give you up! 😊



Pantomime

The PTA planned a big surprise for the children for the last day of term! Panto in a Day visited school to perform *Jack and The Beanstalk*.

We hope the children loved this new event - such a fun way to finish the term and start the Christmas holidays in festive style!

What the PTA has RAISED this term...

• Movie night	£ 125.58
• Pumpkin decorating	£ 38.05
• Doughies pizza kits	£ 90.00
• Christmas Fair	£1,237.12
• Christmas cards	£ 100.00
• Disco	£ 107.51
• Thrift Shop	£ 72.00
• Cake Friday	£ 348.50

TOTAL £2,118.76

What the PTA has PROVIDED this term...

• 45 Headphones	£348.27
• High-vis vests	£227.44
• Gifts for children from Santa	£159.29
• Pantomime	£768.00
• Christmas tree & lights	£ 66.95
• Refreshments - last day of term	£ 9.90
• End of term choc lollies	£ 16.39

TOTAL £1,596.24

EXTRA FUNDRAISING STREAMS



Don't forget you can raise money for school every time you shop, by visiting our EasyFundraising page first.

The retailer makes a donation to our cause at no extra cost to you.

Scan the QR code for more info.



BEING GREENER...

Bottle Top Recycling

Since October we've been collecting plastic bottle tops and we've already returned our first bin bag full! Our 7kg bag has been converted into 1750 tokens.

The bottle tops are melted into plastic sheets and repurposed into a range of outdoor furniture including seats, planters, mud kitchens - you can even collect enough tokens for a 4ft Christmas tree!



Uniform Thrift Shop

Thank you for supporting the school thrift shop this year. Because of your donations we have not only raised £72 for the PTA, but we also saved around **420kg of carbon and 90,000L of fresh water!**

How amazing is that!

Gift Aid on ParentMail

You can now select the GiftAid option on eligible PM purchases for PTA events. The box will automatically pop up when this applies, please use if you can.

Gift Aid

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.



SPRING TERM EVENTS

02 Jan: Inset Day

09 Jan: PTA committee meeting 7.30pm @The Hawk

27 Jan: Quiz night for parents @ Grateley Village Hall

02 Feb: Doughies pizza kits

w/c 12 Feb (half term): The great big litter pick

w/c 05 Feb: Children's mental health week

23 Feb: Thrift shop sale

27 & 28 Feb: Mother's Day craft workshops in Hall

07 Mar: World Book Day book sale (plus character design and short story competitions)

22 Mar: Easter egg hunt on The Green @3.30pm

25 Mar: Egg decorating competition

19 Apr: Film night

Thank you so much for all of your support throughout this term. Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas.

See you in 2024! Nikki & Sam ❤️

The next PTA committee meetings are **09/01/24** and **09/05/24** @ The Hawk Inn - we'd love to see you there.

Come along and see how the PTA works, and how you can get involved.

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