

St Vincent's PTA SpringNewsletter

Spring Term - 2025

Welcome

What an exciting term we have had with our children! So many fabulous events that we hope you have enjoyed! We hope that our new intake have settled in well now, we are excited to share our last term together and the events that it will bring!

The OPAL play scheme continues to take shape behind the scenes with Staff working hard to ensure the right play space is chosen along with the right materials for ALL to enjoy! All your contributions help tremendously and we are very excited for the scheme to get up and running! We hope to see some definite items begin to take shape in the Summer term. As a school any building works have to be done when our children are not on site and the best time for this is our long summer break! As a PTA we have committed **£20,000** of your donated funds to this!

Events Round Up

We kicked things off with our Groove It Disco, a hugely successful event that all the year groups loved! Your children bopped away under the expert guidance of DJ Grear - we hope you the adults had as much fun as they did!

Our Wintry intimate social evening was held at the George and the Dragon in Acton, there were nibbles and much laughter as we relaxed over a glass of wine or two. We hosted a coffee morning at Coffee House on Acton High Street, – the purpose of these is for adults to meet and connect or share ideas and it was another lovely morning spent catching up.

Quiz night was just after the children enjoyed World Book Day fun at school, Quizmaster Grear was fantastic compiling all the question rounds and ensuring the judges were fair in their point giving! This was one of our ticketed events that help us to manage our spends and not waste resources so that the maximum amount goes back to the School. We trialled a bring your own glass at this event as well as the opportunity to bring your own snacks. Do you think it was helpful?

Our termly Bake & Uniform sale celebrated a Mother's Day theme - I hear it was a fabulous success as always! I have to thank our JoJo and our wonderful volunteers for organising the uniform so neatly and ensuring the next sale is easy to manage! Thank you to Years 1&2 for all your yummy bakes and buys - my kitchen table was bountiful on Thursday night the children's' eyes were on stalks!

Finally, the Easter Bunny outdid himself this year - chasing the kids around in the Super Grounds while they excitedly searched for his wooden eggs - so much fun was had by all and we hope that the children enjoyed their little treats from him at the end of the day! Here is a picture if Bunny & the lovely Nursery children:



We are so lucky to have this beautiful outside space for the children to enjoy these types of activities in, we look forward to the OPAL play scheme utilising this space more for play in the next few months.

Call to Arms

We are always looking for more hands on deck to help make the events for our children the best they can be! Please join our whatsapp Volunteers chat if you think you would be able to help in any way - an hour can make the world of difference! JOIN **HERE**

Termly Figures

What an amazing term we have had financially - your generosity and support has blown us away - **thank you!** Here are our profits this term:

- **Winter Disco: £2,011.71**
- **Bag2School: £72 (donations reduced to 20p per Kilo) We are trying to find an alternative provider!**
- **Spring Bake & Uniform Sale: £559.84**
- **Quiz night: £672.00**
- **Asda Cash Pot: £128.73**
- **Christmas Cards: £190.00.**

Total: £3,634.28

Money back to school

As well as the £20k already committed to OPAL we have bought new IPads for the Early Years Staff team to update parents on their children's progress as much of this learning happens through play. We have also pledged money to buy video and recording equipment for ALL children to have their assemblies recorded and available for parents to download and keep as a memento. This will also allow our phones to be kept away during performances ensuring our focus and presence is on our children!

Of course, our fundraising doesn't stop there, donating to the PTA can be done at any time by clicking **HERE**. We're working so hard to fund the playground revamp and support the OPAL Play scheme this year - more info can be found **HERE**.

Next term we have the pleasure of bringing you a **BINGO night** and of course we round off the year with our popular **Summer Fair** - we cannot wait to see as many of you at both these events as possible - everyone is welcome, family & friends too! Check out what we have planned next **HERE** on our website and keep an eye out on our **Instagram** for updates on everything PTA! We have sent an email this week looking for some help with the decorations for our Summer Fair - check out your parnetmail or the website **HERE** to see what it's all about!

Next Event: BINGO - **Friday 9th May - TICKETS**

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very Happy Easter – lots of wonderful celebrating with your families and let's hope we see some sun!

Kamilla Whatling

PTA Chair