

St Vincent's PTA Summer Newsletter

Summer Term - 2024



Welcome to our new style Newsletter!

We want our newsletters to be informative and give you the highlights of what we have been doing each term, as well as filling you in on what we are working towards! We hope this new format will make an easy read over a nice brew!

This term we have been working hard on streamlining what our main fundraising goals are going forward and how best the PTA funds can support our School and improve our children's school experience. Following on from meetings with senior management it has been decided that these will be the funding goals of the PTA going forward into the 2024/2025 Academic year:

Revamping KS1 & KS2 Playgrounds

It has been decided that playtime at St Vincent's needs a huge overhaul and boost. We are working with a company to survey the areas and decide what our children need with regards to space and equipment. This is an ongoing project that will start to take shape in September but we estimate PTA spends for this to be around **£20,000**. Please stay tuned for what is to come!

School Counsellor

Our children deserve the best for their mental health and development. Where needed, having emotional and social support is a great addition for their educational success. The school has decided to employ a School Counsellor to be on-site initially once a week to provide help and support for our children. We have been asked to help support this cost by paying half of these annual costs. Over three years this would cost the PTA **£11,500** with a break down of:

- **First year: £3,250**
- **Second year: £4,000**
- **Third year: £4,250**

Coaches

The PTA will continue to cover roughly half of all Coach costs for the school. This equates annually to **£5,000** with a top up rolling fund of **£1,500**.

Ongoing Commitment Spends

Did you know in addition to the above we pay for Christmas Books, Rosaries, Easter Eggs, the Christmas Panto, and finally the SATs breakfast.

These smaller but very necessary items will take up annually around **£3,000** of the PTA's budget.

Going forward, around **£13,500** will go to our committed spends, meaning that everything else will go towards the Playground Revamping project!

Termly Figures

This term we have been blown away by the monetary support parents have given - we are well aware that times are tough and many have had to tighten some already tight belts in order to carry on doing so - **thank you!** We hope we have given something for everyone to enjoy over the year from our Coffee Mornings, to Children's' Disco. Our aim is for everyone to get something out of the PTA, we are here to help bring our School community together while trying to make money to help make our kids school day that little bit more fun! Here are our profits this term:

- **Race Night: £1358.00**
- **Bag2School: £232.00**
- **Father's Day Bake & Uniform Sale: £530.35**
- **Summer Fair: £9,924** ***Updated figure!***
- **Donations: £100.00**

Total (minus platform fee): £12,134.35

We can now announce that over the course of the 2023 - 2024 Academic Year the PTA have raised a staggering **£25,626.69**.

But of course our fundraising doesn't stop there, donating to the PTA can be done at any time by clicking **here**. Our funds are vital for many aspects of the school year, raising a goal amount for a specific cause is a fantastic way to help out but as you can imagine the needs are many!

Call to Arms

While we appreciate you all for coming to our social events and giving your support, these cannot be put on without the help of our Mums and Dads and other family members. The success of our events this year means the pressure is on for us to continue to pull in this amount of capital for the School. Such high aspirations will require us **all** to pull together and help where we can. We understand time can be tight while raising a young family so we do not ask for all your time just a little bit here and there where it can be spared. If you would like to find out more please drop me a message on 07703784803 or speak to one of the Committee - we don't bite!



Sponsors

We must say a huge thank you to all of our wonderful Sponsors for the Summer Fair & it's Raffle. We were blown away by their support and have hosted one of the most impressive Raffles of St Vincent's history! Our School community couldn't be happier. We look forward to working together again with them all soon, if you would like to check them out you can do so **here** by clicking on their logos, you'll be directed straight to their websites!

If you won a prize in our Raffle, please send us a picture of you using your prize if you're happy for us to share it on our social media! Email your pictures here: pta@stvps.co.uk or send them directly on Instagram or Facebook.



Autumn 2024

We are really looking forward to the new school year - all of us a little older and wiser! We have a couple of exciting events planned - we won't say too much but I will say the words FUN RUN and Christmas Fair as a little teaser for you! Dates for the diary are:

- Sponsored Run – **Friday 20th Sept**
- PTA Coffee morning – **1st October – 9am**
- AGM – **Thursday 10th Oct – 7.30pm**
- Bake & Uniform Sale – **Thursday 24th Oct - 3:30pm**
- BAG2SCHOOL - **Tuesday 5th November**
- PTA Evening Social – **Friday 15th November**
- Mufti Day - Bottle Tombola - **Friday 29th November**
- Christmas Fair - **Saturday 30th November - 2-5pm**
- Gift Shop - w/c - **9th December**

For now all that remains to be said from me is THANK YOU - what a wonderful School community we are, remember we all make up the PTA - everyone belongs to it! On a personal level it is a great way for me to meet some like-minded parents, let my hair down and make some good friends...who knows what the PTA could do for you!

Wishing you a very fun packed Summer holiday!

Kamilla and the Team.