

St John's PTA News



Happy New Year...

...if it's not too late to say that. We've had a fantastic start to the school year - from film night and the PTA quiz, to tea towels, wreath-making, and, of course the Christmas Fair. And, bonus, there is so much more to look forward to. Read on to find out more.

Fundraising this year

This year we fundraising for:

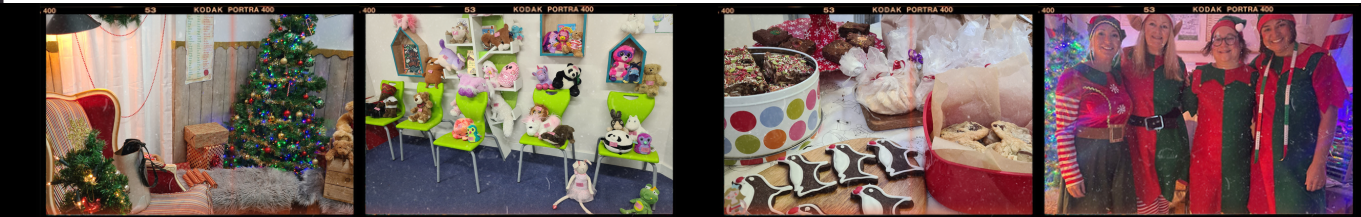
- **forest school** on the field.
- **sensory garden** next to the YR1 classroom, which is being installed at the moment. Do take a look!
- **new mini-bus** as our current one is on its last legs.

At the last PTA meeting, John announced we have **raised over £7,000** towards this target. Thank you for your amazing support!



The Christmas Fair

🎄 We are delighted to share that, together, we raised just under £4500 at the Christmas Fair. An incredible achievement - well done everyone 🎄



Though it feels like 1000 years ago, we'd like to take a moment to say a **HUGE** thank you to everyone who made the Christmas Fair such a success...

- The wonderful class reps: **Sofia** and **Kat** (YRR), **Caitlin** and **Sarah** (YR1), **Emma** and **Penny** (YR2), **Louise** and **Tom** (YR3), **Joy** and **Laura** (YR4), **Luisa** and **Mara** (YR5), and **Claire** and **Ellen** (YR6). Special shout-out to Louise, Tom, and the YR3 parents for doing the refreshments. It is a HUGE job and the hot dogs were delish.
- The rosy-cheeked elves who created another mind-blowing grotto. **Naomi** lead the way with **Maggie, Del, Penny, Kelly,** and **Izzy.**
- And of course the big man himself, thanks so much to the best **Father Christmas** this side of Lapland!
- **Sherri** for organising and running our first preloved costume and Xmas jumper stall, which was so lovely to have.
- **Nicole** for taking stall selling her beautiful cards once again.
- The **staff** for running the tombola, **Mrs Pullan** for selling the raffle tickets, and **Tony** for all of his help and support.
- The businesses that supported us for the raffle, refreshments, and especially Amazon Fresh for providing the new tokens.
- And finally **every single person** who donated in advance, and had fun supporting the school on the day.

Well done Violetta!

Violetta from YRR ran the Lisbon marathon in October and **raised an amazing £530**. She has generously donated this towards the new school minibus. Thank you SO much.



A thank you from SENCO

Donna, our SENCO, wants us to extend her thanks for all of your generous donations which allow us to support her every term.

"I wanted to let you know that the money you have been able to allocate SEN has enabled me to purchase resources to support a range of needs across the school. These have included wedge seat cushions, that enable children to sit comfortably; resistance bands and theraputty, for children who need sensory support; a peanut ball for use in sensory circuits and books to support children with need assistance managing a variety of emotional issues. Without your financial support this wouldn't have been possible.

I'd also like to say how grateful I am for the new i-pads you've recently provided. I've been able to use three of these to support learners with suspected dyslexia and other literacy difficulties - the difference it makes to their self-confidence and independence as writers has been phenomenal."

Save the date!

**JAN
26th**

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE

Come along to the hall if you need to pick up any winter uniform for the coming weeks. Prices are a bargain and every £ goes back to the school.

**FEB
2nd**

FAIRY CAKE FRIDAY

Year 2 will be decorating cakes for your enjoyment at pick-up, don't forget those 50ps!

**FEB
9th**

SPONSORED BOOK READ

Look out for forms coming home before half term as we challenge your children to read as much as they can over the holiday, sponsored by their loved ones.

**MAR
22nd**

THE BUNNY HOP

The school disco is back with a bounce! KS1 and KS2 are invited to come and have a ball. Carrots optional.

HELP NEEDED! If you are, or know, a business owner who would consider sponsoring part of our new mini-bus in return for 10 years of advertising on the side of the bus, please do get in touch for more info

One final thank you

Goes out to **Matt who was our quiz master** for the PTA quiz. He was brilliant and runs the quiz at the Rifleman if you want to have another go at winning! We raised around £800 that night.