

APRIL 2025 PTA NEWSLETTER



As we reach the end of another fun-packed and exciting term, we wanted to share further details on the magnificent difference your support and participation in the various PTA events and initiatives have made! By attending the bingo night, Christmas disco, donating clothes to Bag2School, donating uniform to the Second-Hand Uniform shop OR purchasing uniform from the Second-Hand Uniform shop (and the list goes on!) you have helped to raise funds which all goes towards enhancing and enriching the children's experience at St David's.

PTA Funding agreed for bids

We had three exciting bids come in from the teachers this term, which we are pleased to say we can agree to and provide over £2000 towards due to your amazing fundraising efforts.

The bids:

- 950 brand new, fiction home reading books to closely match the new phonics scheme used by Reception to Form 2 - this will help the children to progress even faster and become fluent readers!
- Funding to develop the reading scheme for Forms 2 - 6. This will introduce a range of recommended reading books and encourage children to read a wider range of genres and include linked comprehension questions to further develop skills. This will raise reading standards across the whole school!

- Four Mini Hockey/Football Goals for use in PE lessons and extracurricular activities such as school team fixtures, lunchtime clubs and after-school activities. This will benefit the entire school community - inspiring a love for sport and encourage active, healthy lifestyles among the children!

New Playground Equipment

Plans for the new playground equipment are underway which the PTA have committed £10,000 to. We know that this is going to be such a huge success with the children. We will of course share more details of the playground as we get further updates.

Spring Term PTA Events

Quiz Night

We thoroughly enjoyed the Adult Quiz Night last Friday. It really highlights the importance of our school community, giving parents the opportunity to build friendships and connections in a fun, light-hearted way. The quiz culminated in an exciting three-way tie for 1st place, but in the end the Misfits(!) (aptly named as made up of Nursery, Form 1 and Form 2 parents!) took home the trophy by correctly guessing the height of the Burj Khalifa to the nearest metre (828m!). Sadly, the High Fivers returned home with their



wooden spoons. We would like to thank the teachers who joined us that night, they may have been the smallest team but they were mighty in their efforts! A huge thank you to our wonderful quizmasters Andy and Claire Parkinson for putting together a fun-packed evening of entertainment!

We would love to see more parents join us for these events in future. From those parents that joined us we were able to raise £250 from the night!

What can I look forward to next term?

Drum roll please..... it's our beloved Summer Fair! We have been working closely with the sub-committee who we are very grateful to for committing their time. They have been putting together a number of exciting things to look forward to this year. We have a number of incredible prizes this year, including the chance of winning a trip to Paris! Need we say more?

We are also planning to have an even bigger range of food, games, entertainment and much more,

including live performances from the children - we just know it's going to be incredible!

Easter Bonnet Competition

Last but not least, thank you for supporting us with our new 'Easter Bonnet' event. We have been bowled over by the children's enthusiasm with 80 children entering!

We truly appreciate the time committed by parents to helping the children, the efforts have been simply out of this world and the finished hats simply exquisite! We know the children had the most memorable assembly showing their hats off in the parade and were excited taking part in the Easter raffle. We have been able to raise £300 from this event!

Our ask

As we approach the summer fair we would welcome as many volunteers as possible. Many hands make light work, without your help and support we are not able to put on these events. If you are able to spare 20 minutes to man a stall on the day, help with set up, provide any raffle prizes or anything else you may think of we would welcome it with open arms. Please get in contact with your class rep or watch out for further comms on signing up for stall rotas, etc. Without parent power, we cannot give the children these fantastic experiences and make any of these wonderful events happen.

Wishing you all a peaceful Easter!

*Best wishes,
Manolee and Deepa*