

## Bishop Road Primary School

# PTFA Newsletter – Term 3 | January 2023

### Welcome back and happy new year to you all!

Welcome to the PTFA's second newsletter of the year! We hope you had a good Christmas and enjoyed the break. What follows is a review of last term's activities and a look ahead to this term, as well as a summary of what the PTFA's fundraising will be spent on this year.

#### BISHOP ROAD PTFA: ABOUT US

The PTFA is a registered charity, raising funds to help support our school. We plan to pledge over £52,000 to the school this academic year to wholly fund, or contribute towards, various activities or improvements. We do this primarily by running events for the school and/or local community to enjoy. The PTFA is run solely by parent volunteers who donate their time and energy to making these events as enjoyable and successful as possible. There is a core team (consisting of Chair, Vice Chairs, Secretary, Treasurers, Web Co-ordinators and Class Link Co-ordinator) plus teams who run each specific event or activity. **All are volunteers.**

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are many ways – both large and small – through which you can support the PTFA and help us achieve our fundraising target.

- **Come along to our events**
- **Support our sales** (Christmas cards, Christmas trees, tea towels, ice creams)
- **Help run an event;** by taking the lead, joining the event team, or helping on the day
- **Donate and/or buy second-hand uniform**
- **Enable free donations from retailers;** online via EasyFundraising ([www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bishoproadschoolptfa](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bishoproadschoolptfa)) and when shopping in any Co-op ([membership.coop.co.uk/causes/69979](http://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/69979)).
- **Make regular or one-off financial donations** ([ptfa.bishoproad.bristol.sch.uk/making-a-financial-donation/](http://ptfa.bishoproad.bristol.sch.uk/making-a-financial-donation/))
- **Join our meetings** (the next is 7.30pm on the 7th March, via Zoom).



Welcome to Yanique Slotemaker who has joined the core team as Secretary.

#### WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

We have three events to look forward to this term – save the dates!

**3rd February | Race Night** – come and join us at school for an evening of (virtual!) horse racing with a fully-stocked bar. **Always proves to be a great, fun night!**

**3rd March | Years 1, 3 and 5 Discos** – always a highlight of the school year for the children.

**7th March | PTFA Meeting** – 7.30pm, via Zoom.

**Beginners' Ball** for Reception children (**provisionally 25th March**) – we need a team of Reception parents to run this event. **Please let us know if you can help.**

Making the most of the January sales? We wanted to let you know that you can support Bishop Road PTFA when you shop online.

Whilst we love to support our wonderful local independent shops as much as possible, **if you do make any purchases online you can raise money for the PTFA at no cost to you.** All you need to do is:

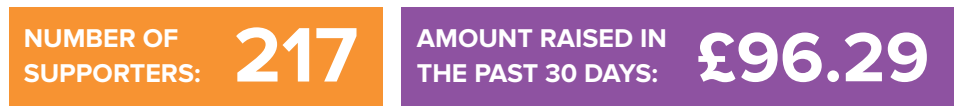
- 1 Create an Easyfundraising account via [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bishoproadschoolptfa/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bishoproadschoolptfa/)
- 2 Whenever you then shop online, **start off on the Easyfundraising app or website, and participating brands will make a donation to the PTFA** when you go on to make a purchase on their site.
- 3 **Even easier still, if you download a browser extension** ('donation reminder') to your laptop, computer, iPhone or iPad, **it'll pop up on every retailer site where a donation is available**, meaning you don't have to remember to go to the Easyfundraising app/website first!

There are over **7,000 participating brands who donate** when you make a purchase via Easyfundraising, including:



...the list really does go on.

These Easyfundraising donations really mount up and make a big difference to the PTFA. We'd really appreciate it if you could sign up and support us. It's completely free and only takes a moment of your time.



## RAISE MONEY BY SHOPPING AT CO-OP!

We're delighted to announce that our playground development project has been selected as one of three local charitable causes Co-op members can support each time they shop in store – for every £1 spent, the PTFA will be donated 1p!

As well as supporting the PTFA, **for every £1 you spend you'll also get 2p of rewards** in your own membership account, and a further 1p goes to other charitable causes.

We are eligible for these donations until **21st October 2023**, so the sooner we have more supporters, the more money we'll be able to raise to put towards our playground development project (we have pledged £15,000 to the school for this).

**Many thanks for your support!**

## 2022/2023 PLEDGES

This academic year we plan to pledge over £52,000 to the school, which includes:

- £15,000** for **playground enhancement**
- £10,000** for **outdoor learning** (to enable 6 sessions per child)
- £10,000** for **repairs to the indoor stage** used for performances
- £8,000** for the **enrichment fund\***
- £8,000** for **books for both class and main libraries**
- £1,250** for **Year 6 leavers celebrations.**

\*The enrichment fund covers at least one activity per year group, including:

- ZooLab visit (Reception) and workshops on
- Dinosaurs (Y1)
- Knights and castles (Y2)
- Geography (Y3)
- Robotics (Y4)
- Bridge-building (Y5)
- Beatboxing (Y6) and
- Samba dancing (all years)

## ➔ TO HELP US, IT'S QUICK AND EASY TO SET UP:

- 1 Download the 'Co-op: Membership Rewards' app.
- 2 Register to become a Co-op member (this costs £1, which you can get refunded off your next shop).
- 3 When logged in to the app, choose your local cause (**look out for 'Bishop Road Primary School PTFA'**).
- 4 Every time you shop in any Co-op, scan your Co-op membership card via the app and the PTFA will get 1p for every £1 you have spent.

## A LOOK BACK TO LAST TERM

We started the academic year with a bang! It was a very busy term and so we're particularly grateful to all the event teams for pushing their events over the line with such enthusiasm.

**SEPTEMBER: New Parents' Welcome Drinks** – not a money-making exercise, but rather to provide an opportunity for Reception parents to get to know each other over a drink or two. Over 100 of you attended and joined in the welcoming and fun atmosphere in Edgar Hall.



**OCTOBER: Years 2, 4 and 6 Discos** – a brilliant evening full of fun, laughter and some very impressive shapes being thrown on the dance floor.



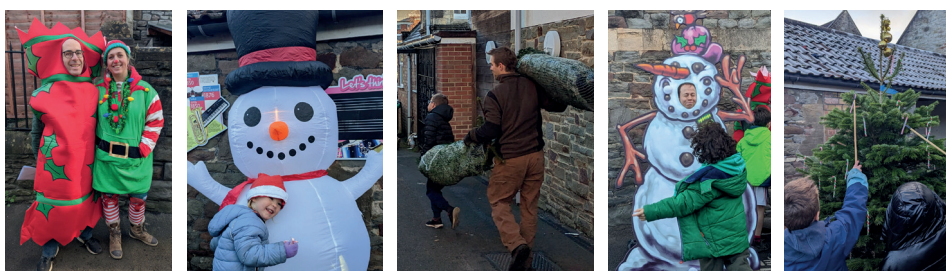
**NOVEMBER: Fireworks** – what a spectacle! Almost 2,200 of you joined us on the school field for the most fabulous firework display yet.

**NOVEMBER: Christmas Market** – the perfect warm-up to the festive season, with a lovely selection of local artists' and creators' work on display.

**DECEMBER: Tea Towels** – ideal Christmas presents for all the family!

**DECEMBER: Christmas Cards** – some wonderful creations from all year groups winged their way home in school bags. Not only cards, but also mugs, gift labels and notepads were adorned with the children's designs.

**DECEMBER: Christmas Cracker** – our brand new event, incorporating our annual Christmas tree sale. We enjoyed a celebration of festive fun complete with gingerbread-decorating, Santa's lucky dip, decoration-making, the hooking of candy canes, throwing snowballs/kicking footballs at teachers, and the all-important hot chocolates, mince pies and mulled wine.



## RACE NIGHT 2023!

Join us for an exciting night of fun, excitement and socialising for the return of the Bishop Road PTFA Race Night.

**FRIDAY 4TH FEBRUARY**  
**7.30PM – 11PM**  
**IN SILVERTHORNE HALL**

Tickets are on sale on the PTFA website, where more information about the event can also be found.

Please note this is an event for adults only.

## THANK YOU

Finally, a very big THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the PTFA in any way so far this academic year. Particular thanks go to the following volunteer teams:

**Ice Creams** – led by **Ali Potter**

**October Disco** – led by **Heather Absalom, Rachel Millar, Amanda Nicholls** and **Jai Wilson**

**Fireworks** – led by **Simon Bodley** and **Jon Potter**

**Christmas Market** – **Laura Eggels, Ruth Wainwright, Becky Sykes, Emma Carroll** and **Laura Birch**

**Tea Towels** – **Sarah Kidd**

**Christmas Cards** – **Jo Tomlinson**

**Christmas Cracker** – led by **Jonathan Gunz** and **Ellie Hall**

**Christmas Trees** – **Katrina** and **Ryan Brooks**

Last but certainly not least – thank you to **Hilary Barnes** for creating this newsletter.