

# Oakwood PTA News

# WELCOME

## KEY DATES:

### October

- 06** 2nd Hand Uniform Sale
- 12** Cinema Night
- 16** Lend a Hand Day
- 20** AGM - 8pm The Speckled Hen Pub
- 25-31** Spooktacular Trail

### November

- 19** Parent's Quiz Night

### December

- 02** Wreath Making Evening
- 04** Christmas Fair 1-4pm
- 11** Parent's Christmas Party
- 12** Panto - Alban Arena
- 13** £2 Room

As things continue to return to normal we are delighted to be able to start welcoming you and your families back to our events!

This newsletter is jam-packed with dates and details of lots of activities that we have coming up so far this term. Keep your eyes peeled as there may be more announcements on the way too! Things will look slightly different, with limited numbers and alterations but we really hope you will feel able to join us to enjoy these events, help fundraise for our school and once again build our wonderful Oakwood community! Fingers crossed that we won't have to make any further adjustments to these events over the coming months but please do bear with us if restrictions change.

## AGM

WED  
20  
OCT

The PTA will be holding their AGM at 8pm on Wednesday 20th October in the Speckled Hen. Please join us to hear annual reports from the Chair and Treasurer as well as plans for the coming year. As many of you will already know, most of our current committee will be stepping down but we hope to elect a new committee and welcome nominations from anyone who would like to stand. Please email [oakwoodptachair@gmail.com](mailto:oakwoodptachair@gmail.com) for more information.

Please ensure that while taking part in any of the PTA's events and activities you follow all current government guidelines including regular hand washing and the wearing of masks where appropriate as well as social distancing where possible.

## HAVE A QUESTION, SUGGESTION OR JUST WANT TO GET IN TOUCH?

Email us at [oakwoodptachair@gmail.com](mailto:oakwoodptachair@gmail.com)

Pay for events online at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/oakwoodpta>

Please 'like' our Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/OakwoodPrimarySchoolPtaStAlbans](http://www.facebook.com/OakwoodPrimarySchoolPtaStAlbans)



# Spooktacular Trail

**25-31**  
OCT

This October half term sees the return of our incredibly popular Spooktacular trail!

One of Dr. Oakenstein's monsters has been eating all the spooky treats. Can you solve the clues on the trail and to help find him?

This year's fiendishly fun trail will run from Monday 25th October - Sunday 31st October with tickets on sale from 9.30am on Monday 4th October via our PTA Events page.

## Second Hand Uniform

WED  
**06**  
OCT

At the end of last term we were able to run a second hand uniform sale. This was incredibly successful raising **£160**. Thank you for all your donations. The next sale will be Wednesday 6th October between 9am-6pm.

Ages 4-7 @ 66 Woodland Drive

Ages 8-11 @ 58 Woodland Drive

The sale will be CASH ONLY and there will be an honesty box for your donations. Any notes please put in an envelope through the door. The stall will be unmanned and we are unable to give change.

We suggest a donation of £2 per branded item and £1 for any other item but please feel free to give as you please.

If you have any donations of good condition branded uniform and non branded uniform that you would like to give please drop them off at either address (fine to leave outside in a plastic bag) before Tuesday 5th October at 6pm. We do not need donations of unbranded white T shirts at this time.

We would like to say thank you to Laura Fyfe and Laura Roffey for organising the uniform sale.

## Parent's Quiz Night

FRI  
**19**  
NOV

Please save the date for the parent's Quiz Night on Friday 19th November. Food, drinks and quiz questions galore! Tickets on sale from 9.30am on Monday 18th October via our PTA Events page.

## Parent Fundraisers

We would like to say a huge thank you to three Oakwood families who have held events to raise money for the PTA. Thank you to Philip Cowen who organised a golf day and raised **£237.80**. Daphne Haitas held a book sale raising **£160** and Julia Dean raised **£55** from a puzzle sale. Thank you all!

## Parent's Xmas Party

SAT  
**11**  
DEC

Get your 1920s dress up ready! The party of the year is back on Saturday 11th December. Tickets on sale 21.10.21. See poster on page 5 for details.

## £2 Room

MON  
**13**  
DEC

One of our favourite events is back this year! It will be held on 13th December and is stocked entirely with your donations. More details to follow after half term.



# Lend a Hand Day

SAT  
**16**  
OCT

On 16th October from 12-4pm we are running another 'lend a hand' day, where parents come to the school to help spruce up the school grounds and maintain the outdoor areas. Please feel free to drop in any time between 12 and 4 - any help is much appreciated! Jobs include: painting, cutting back brambles and shrubs, leaf collecting, mowing, etc. Please wear appropriate clothes and bring along any tools that would be useful. Children may come if they are happy to work alongside you but as there are tools around, they will need to be with you at all times.

It is useful for us to know how many people are coming, and at what time, so that we can make a plan for jobs. The more people, the more we can achieve! Therefore, please email either Laura Harrison [laurafitt@hotmail.com](mailto:laurafitt@hotmail.com) or Hannah Hogarth ([hannaehogarth@gmail.com](mailto:hannaehogarth@gmail.com)) to let us know if you can come. We hope to see lots of you there!

## Welcome Coffee Mornings

We were so pleased to be able to welcome both Acorns and year 1 parents into school for a coffee morning. We know that these were long overdue, especially for year 1 but we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to get to know a few of your fellow parents and meet the current committee.

## Christmas Hampers

Class Christmas hamper raffles will take place again this year. Lists of items to buy that contribute to making each hamper full of christmassy treats will go up on PTA Events after half term.

## Gardening Club

Parent volunteers continue to run the Key Stage 1 gardening club every Wednesday afternoon, funded by the PTA. The children have had lovely sessions so far and have been enthusiastic gardeners - pulling up weeds, searching for mini beasts, saying 'hello!' to our frog and picking (and tasting) raspberries! Thanks to all parents who volunteer to support this.

All our  
events  
are now  
bookable  
online

## Booking Events Online - PTA Events

Book all your event tickets here...

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/oakwoodpta/index.cfm>

A small transaction fee will be charged



# Cinema Night

TUE  
12  
OCT

We have received an overwhelming response for the upcoming PTA Cinema Night, with tickets selling out within hours of going on sale yesterday.

We apologise to anybody who missed out on buying tickets to this event, which is a screening of Disney and Pixar's fantasy adventure film 'Luca' (rated U), taking place on the 12th October.

Due to the limited numbers, tickets sold out almost as soon as they were posted on the PTA Facebook page and before we were able to email details to the whole school. Please do follow our Facebook page, Oakwood Primary School PTA St. Albans, for up to date details of all our events.

We are however hoping to arrange another screening of 'Luca' after half term: To help us assess interest in a second cinema event, please can you email ([oakwoodptachair@gmail.com](mailto:oakwoodptachair@gmail.com)) just saying 'yes to a second cinema night!' if you are potentially interested in buying tickets. Please also indicate whether you might be able to volunteer your help with the event (please note that this will only go ahead if we have enough volunteers). As a reminder, the event is held from straight after school until 5pm in the school hall and tickets will be priced at £3.50 per child, which includes popcorn.

If there is sufficient demand, details of the second PTA Cinema Night screening of 'Luca' will be sent out as soon as possible.

Further details to follow soon!

## Snow White Panto at the Alban Area

SUN  
12  
DEC

Please join us for our annual trip to the Alban Arena Christmas Panto! The PTA has reserved a number of tickets for the upcoming performance of Snow White at 1.30pm on Sunday 12th December for a special reduced rate of £15.50 per ticket. Tickets will go on sale via our PTA Events page at 9.30am on Monday 11th October.

## Christmas Fair

SAT  
04  
DEC

The Christmas Fair will go ahead this year, based in the school playground with stalls dotted around local driveways. We need lots of volunteers to help make the festive magic happen - if you would like to help organise the fair or take on a stall please email organiser Sam Hunt [sam\\_hunt17@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sam_hunt17@hotmail.co.uk)

## SmileAmazon & Easy Fundraising

We're all having to do more and more of our shopping on line this year so it's possible to raise even more cash back for the PTA. Shopping through site such as Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile doesn't cost you anything and it's really easy to set up to make sure that every penny you spend online also benefits the school. Look for **Oakwood Association** on both sites to register and please do get in touch if you are having any problems getting set up. We've seen our reimbursements increase by 4 times on Amazon Smile in the last quarter so new registrations really do make a difference!

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1102222-0>

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oakwoodprimary>

# Funding

With the last 18 months of both fundraising and school funding being different to our normal, we have agreed with the school to roll up any of the unspent allocations into this years spending pots.

Despite a difficult year we managed to raise an impressive £8k in the last year and combined with the rolled over pots we have a total of just over £15.7k for our spending this year.

As per our procedures this gives the school £7.8k for their specific school wide needs (POT 1) and then a further nearly £1.3k a term for both teachers and parents to apply for specific items or uses (POT 2). This leaves the PTA with a third fund of £3.9k for our longer term projects (POT 3).

See information on the right...



## How does the PTA allocate funds?

Each year the PTA allocates funding based on what was raised in the previous year. We have regular contributions that we are committed to funding each year as well as additional funds.

### What are the regular contributions?

Trips and workshops	£2,625
Classroom donations	£825
Lend a Hand/Gardening	Up to £750
School Council bid	Up to £250
Year 6 leavers fund	£500

### How is the rest of the money split?

The remaining funds are split into 3 pots:



**POT 1**  
**50%**

**Central School Fund**

Often a single project but can be multiple smaller projects.



**POT 2**  
**25%**

**Termly ad-hoc Fund**

Split into 3 pots, one for each term.



**POT 3**  
**25%**

**PTA Fund**

This pot is used to fund a large project that the PTA feels passionately about. The committee and attendees discuss and decide upon how this will be spent in our regular monthly meetings.

### Who can apply for Pot 2?

**ANYONE!** (teachers, parents, children) can apply for funds from this pot by submitting a PTA Funding Request Form. We welcome and encourage requests from all areas of the school community. Requests can be submitted at any time but we vote once per term on the requests received. This is usually around half term.

### How do I get a PTA Funding Request Form?

Send an email to [oakwoodptachair@gmail.com](mailto:oakwoodptachair@gmail.com) to request a form. This is also the email address that your completed form should be submitted to. You can also find the form in the files section of the PTA Events page.

[www.pta-events.co.uk/oakwoodpta/index.cfm?event=documents](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/oakwoodpta/index.cfm?event=documents)



OAKWOOD PTA PRESENTS

# 1920<sup>s</sup> CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

8<sup>PM</sup> - MIDNIGHT

VENUE

LONDON ROAD SOCIAL CLUB

CELL BARNES LANE AL1 5AS

ADVANCE TICKETS

£20 EACH

INCLUDES GLASS OF FIZZ, CHEESE BOARDS & DESSERTS

DRESS CODE

THE ROARING 1920<sup>s</sup>

FLAPPERS, GATSBY & PEAKY BLINDERS INSPIRED



FEATURING  
DJ DARYL  
JOHNSTON  
SWEET VIBE EVENTS



TICKETS  
ON SALE  
ONLINE  
21.10.21