



Dear Parents & Carers,

A belated happy new year to you all! We have come back from the Christmas break raring to go – especially on the back of such a successful Autumn term of fundraising. The Fireworks and Christmas fair raised over £6,000 which is great news in itself but in addition we feel that both events were very successful in terms of the children (and adults!) enjoying themselves.

Last years OtterLotto has now come to an end – in total we gave out over £350 in prize money and so we would love to keep this going for 2020. Details are in a separate letter – but if we can get to 100 numbers being bought we can give out £50 per month as prize money!

Just before Christmas we launched our new website ([www.pta-events.co.uk/opta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/opta)) which is a one stop shop for all things PTA related. We've had a good response so far to the website and there is plenty of information there about who we are, events coming up as well as our sponsors and a business directory. If you have a business and would like to have an entry on our business directory then please email [opta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:opta@hotmail.co.uk) and we would be happy to give you the details. PTA social is no longer used as PTA Events can be used to co-ordinate volunteers too.

Finally – as you know we have a very busy Autumn term each year with the Fireworks and Christmas Fair (2 of our biggest fundraisers) being weeks apart. To try and alleviate the burden on the OPTA committee we would really like to form a Fireworks Committee who are only responsible for that one event. The current OPTA would be able to provide a full handover and support but it would allow the current OPTA committee to focus on the Christmas Fair knowing the Fireworks are 'in hand'. If you (and ideally a group of friends) would like to get involved then please do get in touch. We find it tough to concentrate on these 2 these events together and really want to do justice to both in the future.

Diary dates ... *more details to follow:*

Friday 14th February – Valentines cake sale

March – Bags2School collection (date TBC)

March – Adult Quiz night (date TBC)

Thank you!

OPTA Team

*Again we make our regular plea out to all parents who work for companies with a charity or Corporate Social Responsibility*

*Many companies throughout the UK offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by matching the money they raise. It really is money for nothing and it could mean that we double the amount of money we raise at each*

*Here are a list of companies we know currently running Match Funding schemes – if you see your company on the list we would love to hear from you!*

