



Orchard Way PTA

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A warm welcome back to school after Half Term from the PTA.

A massive thank you to you all for supporting our Halloween event and helping us to start the year in style. An amazing **£588** was raised and it was so lovely to see the buzz around the school, as children dressed up in a variety of ghoulish and fiendish outfits and were treated to a Halloween sliming extravaganza, with Mr. Smyth the willing victim. Thanks to Mr. Smyth for being such a good sport. If you missed it, you can watch it at the following link youtu.be/f33-hgdt5Gw



Donations Urgently Needed

We have gone big for Christmas this year, determined that this difficult year ends on a high for the children (more later on). To pull it off, we need your help. If you are able to give any off the following, please bring them to school and leave them in our new donations shed by the Clothing Bank by the 20th November:

- Christmas jumpers, t-shirts or other festive clothing
- New or nearly new toys, gifts or fancy dress costumes
- Empty, branded alcohol bottles e.g. gin / whisky / rum
- CDs / Books and DVDs
- Packets or tubs of sweets (must be individually wrapped)
- Selection Boxes (If anyone has contacts with community champions within supermarkets that could help with this, we would be very grateful.)



Upcoming Events

November – Date TBC

Virtual Quiz Night

November 11

PTA Meeting – All parents welcome

November 26

Online Xmas Shop – New and Nearly new Toys / Gifts

November 27

Advent Calendar Raffle & 100 Club Draws

December 2 – 18: The 12 Days of Christmas

School Uniform

New and pre-owned school uniform is available to buy on our PTA Events website.

Purchases made by Wednesday evening will be distributed on a Thursday via your child's book bag.

If you have any branded school uniform you could donate – we would love to have it. Please leave in our donations shed by the clothing bank.





We usually end the year on a high with the Christmas Fair, and we're determined not to let Covid ruin the fun for the children! We are really excited to introduce **The 12 Days of Christmas!**

Throughout December, children will be able to take part in a variety of activities, a full list of which will be shared within the next week along with details of how to sign up children to take part.

As a bit of a preview, we will be having biscuit decorating kits, lots of 'Guess the...' games, a Christmas Bake Off, chocolate sleighs, and if we're really lucky, Santa may drop in – online of course!

We'll also be launching a Christmas Trail. We'd love Christmassy houses to take part so if the outside of your house can usually be seen from space in December, you fit the bill! All we need you to do is sign up your house to be part of the trail here:

<https://forms.gle/z9NdRdimjDkUABJK9>

How Else Can I Help?

1. **Easy Fundraising (6 New Sign Ups since the last newsletter)** Sign up to Easy Fundraising and do your online purchases through this website. Cashback earned goes to the PTA
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/orchardwaypta/>
2. **Amazon Smile: (53 Purchases made in first month)** Sign up and earn money for the PTA as you shop on Amazon
<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1097067-0>
3. Put old clothes in the **clothes bin**. We can sell these as 'rag'.
4. **Empty Ink Cartridges** – Bring these to the donations shed and we can recycle these for cash.

Next PTA meeting: Wednesday 11th November – 8pm (via zoom) – We will send a link out ahead of the meeting. All parents are very welcome.



The 100 Club is back

To be in with a chance of winning £30 or more a month, contact the PTA now to secure your number(s). A number is £9 for 9 monthly draws – **First Draw is Friday 27 November.**



Advent Calendar Raffle

You will shortly receive a letter with raffle tickets for the Advent Calendar Raffle. We are unable to sell raffle tickets using our events website so will be returning to cash payments for this event. There will be 10 prizes – 5 for the infants and 5 for the juniors. Top Prize is a Smiggle Advent Calendar. Tickets will be 50p each.



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