



# Orchard Way PTA

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A belated and warm welcome back to school from the PTA.

This is our first newsletter of what we hope will be a successful year of fundraising for the school.

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## Spooky Goings on at Orchard Way – Friday 23 October

Although our hugely popular Monster's Bash is not able to go ahead this year, we're still determined to make Halloween fun for the children of Orchard Way.

On the last day of half-term, we are holding our first ever Covid-friendly spooktacular event! Find out how your child can get involved below. All purchases can be made here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/orchardway>. You will need to register on the site if it is your first time using it.

Firstly, we invite your children to come to school in their **CREEPIEST FANCY DRESS COSTUME**. Please note that no scary masks are allowed but face paint is ok. We are not charging for this as we want as many children as possible to take part. However, we are sure you can appreciate the financial challenges the PTA will be facing this year, and have therefore included a donation option on the Events Website page should you like to make a donation. The donation product will be available for the full year and is pre-set at £5, but you can change the amount to whatever you would like to donate.

## Upcoming Events

### October 15

PTA Meeting – All Parents Welcome

### October 23

Halloween Spooktacular at Orchard Way School

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## AGM – New Committee Selected

Last week we held our first ever AGM over Zoom, as we adapt to working virtually in these strange times. Thank you to those parents that were able to attend.

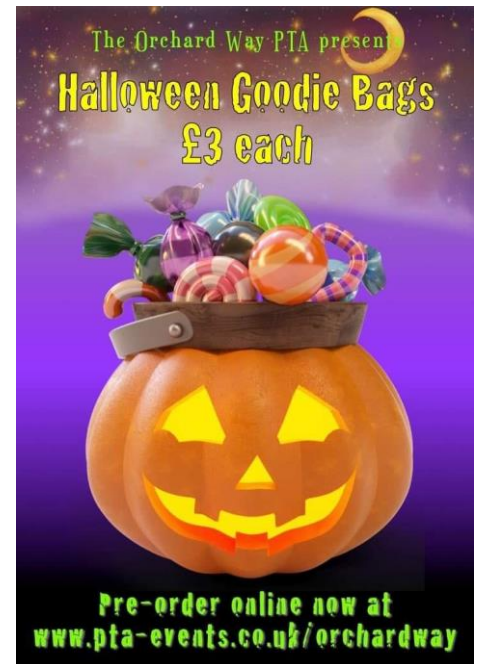
A profit of £7,300 was reported from last year and Mrs. Taylor outlined how the PTA funds from 2018-19 were used to modernise the ICT suite, which all of the children will benefit from. We also elected our new Committee. More information can be found in the news section of our PTA Events website. The link to this website is included at the top of this newsletter.

## Slime a Teacher

Next, we will be live streaming into all classrooms a **public sliming** of one of the teachers! Vote to 'trick' the teachers; 50p per vote or £1 for three votes (discount applied at checkout). Whichever teacher has the most votes by midnight on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> will be slimed the next day!

## Sweetie Bags

And to top it off, we all know how much children enjoy collecting sweets during trick or treating outings, so this year we're offering a **'treat' bag** filled with an assortment of sweets and other surprises. These are available to pre-order for £3 each, and will be put in children's school bags at the end of the day.



## How Else Can I Help:

1. 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. Sign up to Amazon Smile 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 to the left of the main entrance. We can sell these as 'rag'.
4. If you have a good idea or want to help / volunteer – come a long to a meeting or e-mail us



**Next PTA meeting:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October – 8pm (via zoom) – If you would like to come along, e-mail [info@orchardwaypta.org](mailto:info@orchardwaypta.org) and we will make sure you receive the link. All parents are very welcome.