



Shepherd Primary School PTA Newsletter

October 2020



WELCOME TO THE FIRST PTA NEWSLETTER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

A note from the Chair...!!

Hello everybody

Hope everyone is doing ok during these challenging times?

So, the School's back in business - which means the PTA's back in business!

Really pleased to say the majority of the team have agreed to stay on with the PTA and to continue where we left off last year, so we are already up and running and firing on all cylinders!

And, after a shaky start, we're even getting quite good at our virtual meetings!!!

So, ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to introduce the very glamorous 2020/21 PTA Team!



Team PTA 2020/21 Committee



Chris
Batchelor
Chair



Charly Stelfox
Vice Chair



Steph Murphy
Treasurer



Mandy Charles
Secretary



Sarah McAllister
Co Secretary



Tony
Humphries
Governor Link



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Team PTA 2020/21 Class Contacts

Nursery – Lambs
Mrs Holt



Emma Smith Karen Wardle

Reception – Ryeland
Mrs Luts



Sarah Newman Kelly Murphy

Year 1 - Lonk
Miss Zanotto



Jody Glencross Claire Sharp

Year 2 - Balwen
Mr Charter



Hayley Bailey Jo Windeatt

Year 3 - Texel
Mrs Wood



Jo Hickey Karen Wardle

Year 3 - Vendeen
Mrs Bryson



Tracie Connell Leanne Dias

Year 4 - Herdwick
Mrs Batchford



Leanne Morris Jody Glencross

Year 4 - Romney
Miss Douglas



Padmini Naicker Michelle Rickson

Year 5 - Cheviot
Mrs Jull



Adele Smith Laura Snowdon

Year 5 - Dorper
Mrs Kirkpatrick



Sarah Newman

Year 6 - Merino
Mr Turton & Mrs Grace



Emma Sheppard Sarah McAllister

This gives us a chance to say hello from the PTA to all of the parents and carers of the new children joining the school.

Please do join the class WhatsApp groups and get to know your PTA Class Contacts.

If you're not sure who to contact, you can message us on Facebook or send an e-mail and we can put you in touch with your class contact. We would love to hear any ideas, suggestions, comments or feedback you might have.



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Virtual Balloon Race!

We are all living through some of the most challenging times we have known and the whole COVID situation is also having a big impact on school life, including what we do as your PTA.

This means we are having to find different ways to engage, communicate and raise funds.

Unfortunately the restrictions mean we've lost our face-to-face events, like our autumn quiz night and "Ice Cream Fridays"....

So we are working hard to come up with ideas for new, fun "virtual" events which allow us all to have a bit of fun, keep in touch and keep the fund raising going.

First of these is the Halloween Balloon Race - please do join in and look out for the race updates on our Facebook page!

SHEPHERD PRIMARY PTA 

HALLOWEEN VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE!

£3 PER BALLOON

PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS
AND RUNNERS UP!

PARTICIPANTS CAN CHECK
THEIR BALLOON'S PROGRESS

BALLOONS TO BE RELEASED ON
HALLOWEEN AND WILL BE RACING
FOR A WEEK

HOW FAR WILL YOURS FLY????

BUY BALLOONS ON
[HTTPS://WWW.BALLOONRACE.COM/SHEPHERDPTA](https://www.balloonrace.com/shepherdpta)



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Money for nothing: AmazonSmile

Something we are really pushing this year (as we are an official charity), is our '**Money for Nothing**' agenda, where we can raise money from just simple day-to-day things - and take advantage of donations from big corporate organisations.

How many people use Amazon?

How many people knew that Amazon want to give us money, every time you do a shop?

Did you realise that with a couple of clicks, you can create an Amazon Smile account, and every time you shop - Amazon give us money - which we can use for the benefit of all of our children in school??

And who doesn't like Free Money??!!

So please follow the instructions below and set up your account today - it's really straightforward - trust me, if I can do it anybody can!

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL EVERY TIME YOU SHOP WITH AMAZON? HERE'S HOW....

SIGN UP TO AMAZONSMILE

1. VISIT [SMILE.AMAZON.CO.UK](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) (USING YOUR BROWSER)
2. SIGN IN WITH YOUR AMAZON.CO.UK CREDENTIALS
3. SEARCH FOR 'SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA' AS THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION TO RECEIVE DONATIONS
4. SELECT YOUR CHARITY (SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA)
5. ADD A BOOKMARK FOR [SMILE.AMAZON.CO.UK](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) TO MAKE IT EVEN EASIER TO RETURN TO OR FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW TO TURN ON AMAZONSMILE IN THE AMAZON APP!

TURN ON AMAZONSMILE IN THE AMAZON SHOPPING APP

1. MAKE SURE YOU'RE SIGNED UP FOR AMAZONSMILE (FOLLOWING THE STEPS ABOVE)
2. DOWNLOAD OR UPDATE THE LATEST VERSION OF THE AMAZON SHOPPING APP FOR IOS OR ANDROID
3. OPEN THE APP AND GO TO THE MAIN MENU (☰) AT THE TOP LEFT OF THE SCREEN
4. AMAZONSMILE SHOULD APPEAR UNDER "PROGRAMMES AND FEATURES", HOWEVER, IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE, YOU MAY NEED TO SIGN OUT AND BACK IN AGAIN.
4. TAP ON "AMAZONSMILE" AND FOLLOW THE ON-SCREEN INSTRUCTIONS TO TURN ON AMAZONSMILE IN THE APP.

START SHOPPING AND A DONATION WILL BE MADE TO SHEPHERD PRIMARY PTA AFTER EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE!

THANK YOU!





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Money for nothing: Easyfundraising

We are also registered with Easyfundraising. You can raise money for our school by using the **Easyfundraising** website (www.easyfundraising.org.uk/shepherdprimaryschoolpta) or app. Instead of visiting the retailer's website directly, just access it through the Easyfundraising website or app and when you buy something, the retailer sends our PTA a free donation, at no extra cost to you. More Free Money!!



Collect **free donations**
for us every time you
shop online!



amazon.co.uk

John Lewis
johnlewis.com

ebay

TESCO

Sainsbury's

Argos

easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shepherdprimaryschoolpta

Money for nothing: Match Funding

Please also ask your employer if they have a match funding scheme - this is a great way for you to get more involved with one of our events and your employer will match the funds raised! We have raised an amazing £3000 via Match Funding over the past three years thanks to the generosity of one of our parents and HSBC.



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Second-hand Uniform

Many thanks to you all for the uniform donations since the start of the school year. Since migrating the selling of uniform to PTA Events on 23rd September, it's clear that it was the right decision to make.

So far this has raised £91.00 We will also have a boutique collection of Halloween costumes available, as well as a Christmas Jumper Sale which will start in a weeks' time.

Please continue to leave uniform donations in the pop up on Tuesdays 8.45 - 9.15am. It is greatly appreciated.

Second-hand school uniform, Halloween costumes and Christmas jumpers (when available) can be purchased directly through PTA Events, where there is a list of items available (www.pta-events.co.uk/sheppta/).



Bye for now!

We are very close to announcing some exciting new events so please look out for the Parentmails and updates for things like the Halloween and Remembrance Day colouring activities, and watch out for the Class Penny Wars.....!!! We're busy working on some COVID safe Christmas activities too!

Thanks everybody - remember to keep an eye out for the PTA posters and Parentmails - and do feel free to give us any feedback, ideas and suggestions you might have, either via your class WhatsApp groups or using the contact details below.

Cheers!

Chris Batchelor, PTA Chair 2020/21

Future PTA Meeting Dates

OCTOBER	Informal Meeting - Thursday 8th 8pm Format TBC. Meeting - Friday 16th 10am Format TBC.
NOVEMBER	Informal Meeting - Thursday 12th 8pm Format TBC. Meeting - Friday 20th 10am Format TBC.
DECEMBER	Informal Meeting - Thursday 4th 8pm Format TBC. Meeting - Friday 11th 10am Format TBC.

Here are the PTA meeting dates for the rest of the school term.

These meetings will be held virtually and joining details will be sent out via Parentmail and WhatsApp groups prior to the meeting.

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions for the PTA, either via our e-mail address or facebook page or just catch us in the school playground!

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ShepherdPrimaryPTA/>

Or search for @shepherdprimaryPTA

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