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Hi there!

### **St Joseph's PTA: What it means to your child, how you can get involved, and what's coming up**

A warm welcome to all new parents at the school, both in Reception and to those who have joined other year groups, and welcome back to everyone else!

In the autumn term of last year, with your support, the PTA ran six fund-raising events reflecting our goal to raise funds for the here and now – things our children can enjoy and benefit from immediately, for example contributions to reduce the cost of school trips, improvements to the school's outside space and new books. Working with the teachers, the funds we raised helped improve still further the learning experiences at school for our children, and we all had some fun along the way too.

However, as we return for the new academic year we will also recognise that things are a bit different at the moment and minimizing risk from Covid-19 has to be everyone's priority. We also recognise the financial strains that many people will now be under. So, below, we're introducing you to our Committee, outlining some changes in the future and sharing some of our ideas for fund-raising, whilst encouraging you to come forward with ideas as well.

### **Your PTA Committee**

If you want to get in touch we are:

- Graham Munday, Chair: my twin daughters, Imogen and Pippa, are in Year 3
- Alexa Timbrell, Joint-Chair: my son Kobe is in Year 6, and my daughter, Harmony is in Year 3
- Becky Maltby, Treasurer: my twin daughters, Roxi and Matilda, are in Year 3
- Rachel Holmes, Secretary: my daughter, Emilia is in Year 1, and my son, Liam starts pre-school in November

### **Future roles on the PTA Committee**

Firstly, we would like to thank Rebecca Steele, who has stepped down as Secretary, for all her hard work over the past two years, in particular for all her contributions to our successful events. Rachel Holmes has kindly stepped forward to be our new Secretary.

Looking ahead, both Graham and Becky intend to step down from their roles and the committee at the AGM in March 2021 after three years in these roles. We would welcome other parents coming forward to join the committee and being prepared to take on these roles after the AGM next year.

If you have ideas for future fund-raising activities, especially while we can't run events, or you would like to join the committee, simply email us at: [pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk)



### **Keep in touch on Facebook**

We have a closed, secure Facebook page managed by Graham and Alexa. Join the Group and you can keep in touch with fund-raising activities and future events when they run again.

Search for **St Joseph's Fundraising page** in Groups on Facebook, and ask to join.

### **Fund-raising ideas**

In the absence of events, we are talking to the school about some ideas for the children to create artwork that is then used on products that are available for sale and will make great Christmas presents – watch this space for more details.

However, if you have any ideas that will support fund-raising, we'd love to hear them too! Just message us on Facebook or email: [pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk)

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When you then visit online retailers such as **Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, M&S, eBay, Confused.com, Clarks, Gap, Boohoo** and many others, you'll see the easyfundraising logo above their website link. Click that and you will activate your account from that retailer whilst still being directed to their website. Any purchase you make will result in the retailer making a small contribution to our fundraising at no additional cost to you. Easy!

Even in these very tough times, we're still aiming to raise some funds to give our children an even better experience at St Joseph's, and we very much look forward to your support and appreciate any contribution you can make. Contact us anytime at: [pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk).

Kind regards

Graham Munday, PTA, Chair