

PTA Newsletter – January 2024

Happy New Year to you all!

A big THANK YOU to all that donated clothes, shoes and boots to the Romanian orphanage appeal recently. We are very grateful to the Evans family for organising the appeal and to Brooke and Nicola for collecting and arranging all the uniforms that were sent to the orphanage.

As you can see from the photo below, the children are very happy with their uniforms.



UPCOMING EVENTS OF THE YEAR

Elfridges Amnesty Gift Collection

The PTA are still collecting gifts for our Elfridges shop. If you have any unwanted gifts at home that you wish to donate to the PTA Elfridges Shop, please leave them with the office and they will be collected and safely stored.

Little Recyclers Collection Friday 19th January

Fill any bags, boxes or suitcases with clothes, shoes and accessories.

They accept: -

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's and babies).
- Paired shoes
- Fashion accessories
- Bags, belts, jewellery
- Swimwear
- Clean underwear and socks
- Perfume

They do not accept: -

- Uniforms
- Single shoes
- Dirty, wet or ripped clothing
- Duvets and pillows
- Linen, towels or bedding
- Furniture or mattresses
- Stationary
- Work uniforms
- Carpets, rugs, mats curtains
- Food or medicine
- Books, CD's or DVD's
- Kitchen utensils
- Electric appliances

**PTA Meeting
Tuesday 6th February**

Everyone is welcome to join the meeting so come along to be informed about fundraising events, initiatives and share your own ideas. The agenda will be sent out via email in due course.

**Dare To Be Different
Friday 9th February**

In recognition of children's mental health week...children can come to school on this day as follows: -

- Wear a wacky hair accessory that isn't red, wear washable hair colour or have a crazy hair style.
- Wear nail varnish.
- Wear a silly hat.
- Don't wear your tie.
- Wear a hoody or jumper.
- Wear trainers to school.
- Wear a temporary tattoo or two.
- Wear odd socks.

It's 50p for each dare or choose 4 or more and its £2. Payment will be available on ParentPay or a cash collection on the day.

Teachers, we dare you to:

- Wear crazy clothes for the day
- Let the children call you by a different name (you can choose the name).
- Pick one or two from the children's dare list above.

Let's have a fun day celebrating our uniqueness!

Race Night Friday 15th March

Please come along and join in the fun, and you never know, you may even back a winning Horse, Pig or Afghan Hound!!

Cost of entry is **£8 if pre-booked via ParentPay** or alternatively you can pay **£10 at the door**.

There will be games and music during the intervals.

Snacks will be provided and there will be a bar serving beer, gin, prosecco, vodka, wine and soft drinks.

Please arrive at 7pm as the races start from 7.30pm.

Happy Circus Sunday 21st April 2024

Roll up, Roll up! The Happy Circus is back in town so save the date for a day packed full of fun, amazement and laughter! We have partnered Worsley Bridge Primary School this year and the Circus will be held on their grounds.

More details about this event will be sent in due course.

OTHER NEWS

PTA Lottery

Many numbers have been purchased for the PTA Lottery!!

The second draw will be held at the end of term just before the Easter holiday.

The PTA Lottery is raising essential funds to support the KS1 phonics programme, classroom libraries and our very lovely school crossing patrol officer (lollipopper), Mrs Durling!

The more people that join...the higher the prizes!

Joining fee is £25 per number.

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-Sponsorship

Would you like to help support our school by sponsorship?

You can donate a prize towards one of our raffles from you or your business! You can also sponsor our school calendar and advertise your business. If you are interested in sponsoring our school, please contact the PTA via email: stmarysbeckenhampta@gmail.com

- **Matched Funding** through your employer - An easy win, just ask your employer if they participate in this scheme and you can go from there.

- **Easy Fundraising:** Who doesn't shop online these days!

How does it work, it's very simple, shop as normal with over 7,000 retailers, just start your shopping journey first at easyfundraising.org.uk, or get our App or browser extension Donation Reminder which reminds you when a donation is available.

Once you make a purchase, our retailer partners will make a small donation to your chosen cause to say 'thank you'. Get started now!

LOST PROPERTY

As we know our children aren't great with minding their stuff at school, so it is so important to label their clothes. Well, if you purchase your children's ***name labels from Stickins*** at www.stickins.co.uk and quote our reference number 35724, under the 'school Fundraising number' field, our PTA will receive a 30% commission.
