

St John's PTA

Parents and friends working to support our school

March 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

What a fantastic beginning to 2017 we have had! Valentine's Day, Silver Smarties and the Bingo night were all really successful events, so thank you all for participating and helping us raise funds to support our children.

As an extra thank you for the special effort put in to the silver smarties event, the PTA arranged a prize draw, with awards of £50 worth of cinema vouchers. The draw took place in celebration assembly on Friday 17th March and the lucky winners were:

1st prize - £30 cinema voucher - Jacob M, 3T

2nd prize - £20 cinema voucher - Toby L, 2T

Money Money Money

So far this year, we have raised over £800, which we hope to put towards our large goal - the playground/outdoor learning opportunities project. A shortlist of items has been drawn up for you to vote on (see below). Your opinion is important to us, so you will soon see us on the playground with a voting tally; have your say on where the money should be spent and cast your vote with us!

1. **Playground markings** - a donation towards the markings chosen by the children
2. **Vegetable garden** - make improvements and purchase kneeling cushions for the children
3. **Storytelling area** - introduce a new area with toadstool seats for the children
4. **Sports** - reinstate the long-jump pit and include a cover

Did you know that there are other ways in which you can help us raise money for our cause that require very little effort and cost you nothing?

Easyfundraising

Whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for the PTA. There are nearly 3,000 retailers, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the Trainline and Sainsburys, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to say thank you for shopping with them. As well as going through **easyfundraising** for your shopping, many holiday companies will donate when you book your summer holiday getaway through them. It is really simple and doesn't cost you a penny extra.

All you have to do is:

- Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Sign up for free
- Get shopping - the donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to St John's PTA. It couldn't be any easier - there are no catches and no hidden charges - so please consider registering and help raise more funds for our children.

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Matched Giving

Matched giving is a simple way of maximising our fundraising efforts for the school. Many companies will pledge a sum of money relating to the amount their employee has raised for, or donated to, a charity. However, most companies do not advertise this fact, so please contact your employer or HR department today to see if they can help.

Kenilworth Books

For every purchase you make at Kenilworth Books in Talisman Square, they will donate 50p towards the PTA if you let them know that you come from St John's School.

Upcoming Events 2017

Easter Tombola and Non-Uniform Day - Thursday 30th March

Join us from 3.15pm in the school hall for your chance to win an Easter surprise. We will also be running a 100 square grid game for the grown-ups, giving you a chance to win a cash prize!

Easter Disco and Non-Uniform Day - Thursday 6th April

Reception & KS1: 3.30pm - 4.15pm

KS2: 4.30pm - 5.30pm

£1 non-uniform / £1 entrance to disco

Odd Sock Shop - Friday 28th April

A lunchtime event in the outside pagoda. Feel the socks, have a go, what you'll get nobody knows!

Grandparents' Spring Tea - Tuesday 9th May

Join us for an afternoon of craft, cake, tea and coffee. Booking details coming soon.

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