



'Tis the Season to be Jolly...'

In the backdrop of some tough times for our families at Stamford Green the PTA hopes to bring some Christmas cheer to everyone this winter as the schedule of festivities kicks off.

Christmas Cards (completed in September!) is perhaps a little too early to really feel a sense of Christmas spirit but with the recent Chocolate Tombola mufti day, and another soon for the Bottle Tombola as well as our upcoming Wreath Making event there is hopefully now a little more of Christmas in the air! Our main Christmas event - the Winter Wonderland will take place on Friday 2 December from 4.00pm - 6.30pm. There is more information in this newsletter but we really hope as many children and families will join us as possible.

We want to emphasise that in planning and running our events we seek inclusion over profit and only ever ask for donations from parents (bottles/chocolate) which are not compulsory. No-one should ever feel they cannot attend an event due to financial difficulties so please always approach Mrs Druce or another trusted member of staff, in confidence to help.

All of our fundraising goes directly to support projects at the school which benefit our children and an update on this is also included in the newsletter.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Matt Tarrant who is joining us as our new treasurer. A huge thank you to Claire Butler who provided such great financial (and moral) support to our team during lockdown and more recently.

Finally, as many people start to think about Christmas shopping please do consider online fundraising. By just signing up to AmazonSmile or Easyfundraising, a donation from each purchase you make goes to Stamford Green. A guide on how to use AmazonSmile was handed out at the recent PCTCs in school.

I wish you all an enjoyable end of term and Christmas and New Year break.

Anne-Marie, PTA Chair



Our next meeting is Wednesday
11th January at the Blenheim pub.

Please join us.

All welcome!



**HAVE
A
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE!**

Dates for your diary

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

After the successful sale today, please leave any donations with the school office.



Wreath Making



**Friday 25th Nov
7.30pm-9.30pm**

SOLD OUT! We hope everyone with tickets has a great time.



Christmas Trees

Support the PTA and create or continue a tradition by purchasing your Xmas tree. Read the letter [here](#).

Mufti Day

Wednesday 30th November

Bring a bottle in a bag for the bottle tombola in return for a mufti day. Bringing it in a bottle bag helps the volunteers when setting up so thank you in advance.



Winter Wonderland

Friday 2nd December

4.00pm - 6.30pm

A host of wonderful Christmas activities, food and lights for the family.



Fireworks 2022

A huge thank you to our great team of organisers this year including Elle Vellacott, Kim & Darren Hull, Leigh-Ann Herman, Steve and Shelley Illingworth and Georgina Preston, as well as to all the amazing teachers and staff that supported the event and the parent/carer volunteers.

Over 1500 people attended the event which was a record and a great testament to the popularity and success of this annual event.

THANKYOU!



Stamford Green Primary School & Nursery PTA Fundraising Update for Parents/Carers

The mission of the PTA at Stamford Green Primary School is '**Community engagement through fun and fundraising**'. Teachers and parents/carers work very closely together to benefit the school and children. The funds will be spent to enrich the school community and the experience of children, throughout their school journey.

Fundraising projects and goals are defined as short, medium and long term.

- **Short term objectives** can be best described as those contributions which are enrichments in a singular event rather than a legacy. For example, an ice lolly at the end of Sports Day for every child.
- **Medium Term Objectives** are the goals which would provide for and be regularly used by the children and school community. One example would be the Golden Jumpers worn by the children for achievements.
- **Long Term Objectives** are singular in nature as they require a longer term commitment to deliver. They will bring a legacy to the school for current and future families.

Over the past decade two of our long term goals for the school have been the installation of the **All Weather Pitch** alongside the playground and the new **Curiosity Corridor and Library**. I'm sure you will agree these have been well worth the time and investment for all the children at the school to use for many years to come.

As many parents will be aware, especially after our Colour Run last year which launched this initiative, our next Long Term project is the creation of a '**Path of Adventures**' on the top field for the children.

Our vision for the Path of Adventures is that it opens up more outdoor space for the children, ignites their creativity and helps them build confidence through play. The hard surface has now been built and the first 'Adventure Station' is due to be installed in January thanks to you supporting the PTA so watch this space for the Crinkle Cragg Climber. We will continue to fundraise for further 'Adventure Stations' around the path.



Winter Wonderland - Friday 2nd November 2022 from 4.00pm to 6.30pm

Please join us on for an afternoon of Christmas activities. There will be an opportunity to:

- See the fantastic Christmas lights,
- Win Chocolate in the infamous Chocolate Tombola,
- Meet Father Christmas in the library, which will be transformed into a grotto,
- Buy some Christmas gifts at the Market,
- Collect or purchase the Stamford Green Sticky Toffee Pudding,
- Play some festive games,
- Collect your pre-ordered Christmas tree,
- Enjoy a warming mulled wine, hot chocolate or something to eat from the BBQ,
- Christmas crafts will also be available to buy grouped by Year Groups.



Event Information

- The Market stallholders and the Bar will take cash/card payment.
- All the games/tombolas and children's Christmas crafts will require tokens, which will be on sale before and after school on 29th/30th November and 1st December and at drop off only on 2nd December at £5 for 12 or on the night for 50p each. (Note : For new parents it is suggested that approximately 2 bundles of tokens are needed).
- Pre-order your BBQ food via PTA Events. Once ordered, you will get a BBQ tickets in bookbags to exchange on the evening. We are trying a new system to try and reduce queuing time.
- There will be no entry fee this year but there will be donation buckets at the East and West Gate entry points.
- Children will receive a stamp on a card for participation in the games and these stamps can be redeemed for a small gift, Values Button for their House or charity donation in the Grotto. The class with the most Values Buttons will receive a mufti day.
- There will also be Carol Singing with Mrs Rutherford at the following times: 4.30pm, 5.00pm and 5.30pm.
- A big thank you to our Year 6 children who will be running our Christmas Games at the event.

Volunteer slots are available for sign up on PTA Events. Please do sign up to make this event a success.

We are also looking for specific help including;

- An **electrician** to help with our lighting display
- A **external stallholder co-ordinator**. Someone to co-ordinate our lovely stallholders in the Market in the Hall. This involves communicating prior to the event and providing support before and during the event on 2nd December. Mainly showing them where to go and park!



Stamford Green Sticky Toffee Pudding Competition

Congratulations to **Joey Merritt-Holmes in 3K** for his fantastic Sticky Toffee Pudding design. The judges loved the atmosphere of the Christmas scene and the detail in the painting. Well done!

We had nearly 130 entries this year and those below (grouped by category) were all highly commended by the judges. Amazing work everyone!



Creative Siblings:

Festive Christmas or Creating Festive Atmosphere Through Drawing:

Ava G 1B

Birjot M 3K

Emilia D 4G

Poppy D 6DA

Amelia R 6DA

Florence RB

Poppy 6L

Penny 2S

Annie 5O

Winning Design 2022

All colours of Christmas or Fantastic Colours or Bright and Bold:

Lexi 1B

Lois 1B

Aaron 1P

Isabella 2S

Sofie 2J

Sasha 3J

Isabella 3S

Maisie 4V

Darcy 4W

James 4V



Welcome to our new Treasurer Matt Tarrant

Matthew joins us this year as Treasurer taking over from Claire Butler. Many thanks for Claire for all her efforts over recent years.

'Matt has two boys at Stamford Green in Year 4 & Reception and he is married to Lisa. He currently works at local Accountancy Practice and in his spare time he is an avid sportsman and Chelsea fan! He says he is looking forward to helping the PTA continue their great work at Stamford Green.



PTA Party Packs

We PTA supports an eco-friendly initiative which involves renting out a party pack to anyone planning a child's birthday party or any type of celebration.

The packs are only £10 to rent and includes 40 cups/bowls/plates and 10 serving plates and 2 reusable table cloths.

If you would like to rent these please get in touch with ptastamfordgreen@gmail.com



Christmas Shop & Fundraise

Please help the PTA by boosting fundraising from your shopping online this Christmas. It costs you nothing and is really simple to use.

AMAZON

Did you know that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price to Stamford Green (at NO expense to You!)

So far we have raised £839.69 through Amazon Smile and with the festive season approaching there is scope to raise a lot more!



Follow the steps below to register Stamford Green PTA as your charity.

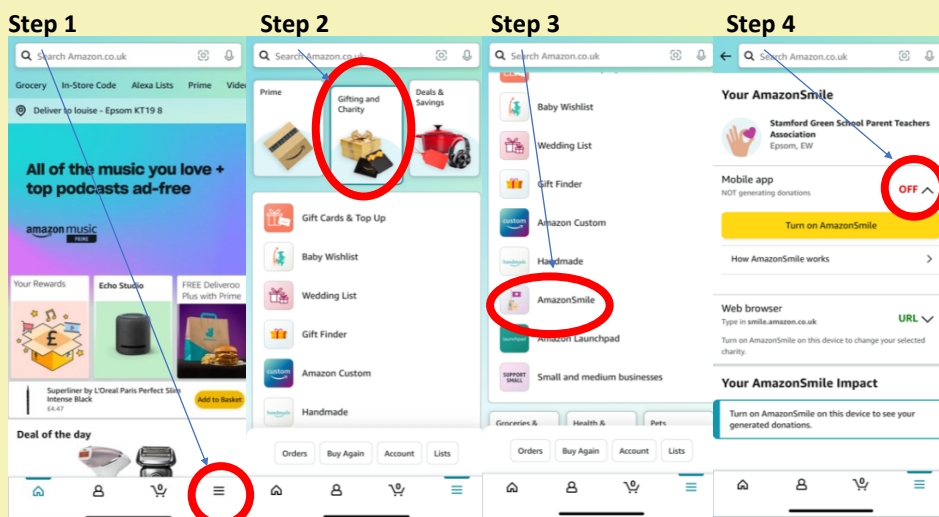


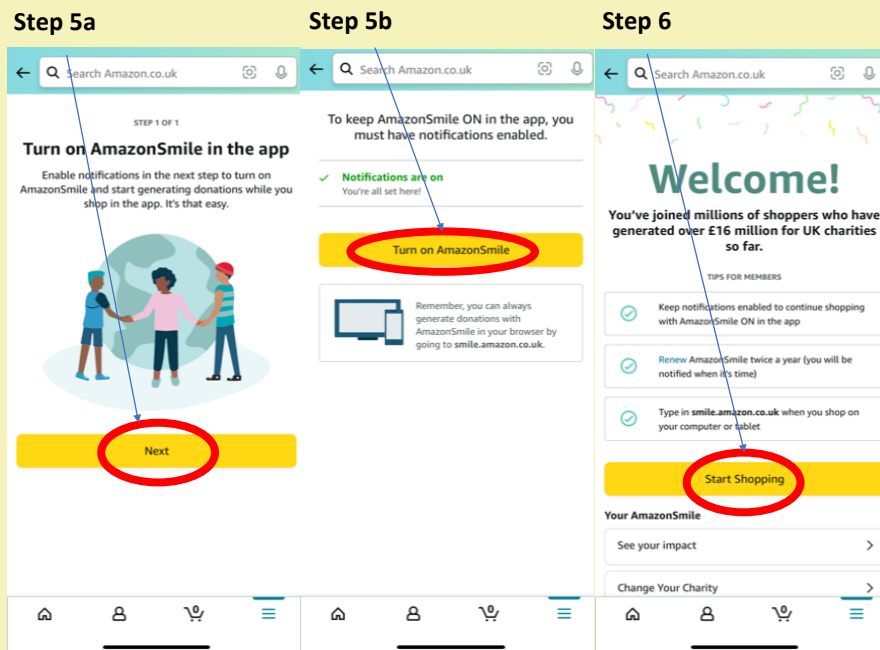
On a laptop/computer/mobile

- Open the smile.amazon.co.uk URL
- Sign in using your normal details
- In the charity search bar type in Stamford Green School Parent Teachers Association
- Select this from the list that appears and you should receive confirmation of your selection
- Save smile.amazon.co.uk as a favourite. You will need to always use this URL rather than the traditional amazon.co.uk when you shop online to fundraise.
- Shop away and collect money for Stamford Green at the same time.

On the Amazon App

- First follow the sign up instructions above on a laptop or mobile device.
- Open the Amazon app and click on the 4 horizontal lines Menu at the bottom right.
- Click on 'Gifting and Charity' image
- Scroll down to the AmazonSmile icon
- Turn on the 'Mobile App' generating donations (default setting is off)
- Enable notifications to turn on AmazonSmile
- Every time you shop on the app you will be collecting money for Stamford Green





EASYFUNDRAISING

For those that don't use Amazon or would prefer an alternative option for online fundraising we have Easyfundraising.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stamfordgreenprimary/>

We now have 132 people on easyfundraising but over 400+ families at the school so we have a long way to go to maximise this opportunity. So far we have raised £2,796.

If you do your weekly shop online, you can raise up to 3% shopping at John Lewis or 2% at M&S. Plus up to £4 at Sainsburys and £2.50 at Tesco. There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, ebay, Travelodge, Waitrose and Etsy – it won't cost you a penny extra!

EASYSEARCH

Use a different search engine. Ditch Google, Yahoo! or Bing, in favour of:

<http://stamfordgreenprimary.easysearch.org.uk/>

By using easysearch instead of Google or any other search engine, you can make a real difference. easysearch is completely FREE and by making just 10 searches a day, you could raise around £20 a year for to your chosen cause.

