### PTA

#### 'Community enrichment through fun and fundraising'

#### October 2022

#### Fun & Fundraising for 2022/23

As we start the new academic year the PTA are very grateful to be able to plan events again with a reasonable level of confidence and certainty they will go ahead! We have a busy schedule especially in the second half term and the run up to Christmas and we hope our families and children are able to join in and enjoy these activities. Details are included in the newsletter.

A very warm welcome to our new Nursery and Reception parents, and welcome back to existing children and families. We hope that children are settling (back) into life at Stamford Green.

Every parent/carer at Stamford Green is a member of the PTA. Our key mission is fun and fundraising and over the past couple of years 'fun' has been a particular emphasis against the backdrop of Covid. All the money raised by the PTA goes directly to the school and to funding initiatives that benefit the children. Over the past few years this has included the all weather pitch, the new library and currently we are supporting the 'Path of Adventures' which will create 'play stations' on the new path on the top field.

Whilst we may be emerging from the challenges of a global pandemic a further strain on daily life has arisen in the form of cost of living increases including energy price hikes. 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 in confidence to help.

Our annual PTA AGM will take place at the school on Wednesday 19th October. We welcome new faces to come along and get involved. It's a great way to meet people from all over the school. A huge thank you to all our outgoing committee members for all their support.

Anne-Marie, PTA Chair





Please don't forget to sign up to the PTA Events website and register to a class



Next meeting is Wednesday 19th

October at Stamford Green School. This will be our annual AGM.

All welcome

#### **Dates for your diary**

**SGPS Sticky Toffee Pudding** 

Friday 21st Oct



Winner announced and sales live for £6.50 each on PTA Events. Don't miss out!

Doughnut sale Friday 21st Oct pm

East and West gate—£1 each



#### Fireworks



#### Friday 11th Nov

Tickets now on sale. Please volunteer to help on PTA Events

**Wreath Making** 



Friday 25th November 7.30pm-9.30pm

£40 per person including drink and mince pie. Book on PTA Events.

Winter Wonderland

Friday 2nd December

Details to follow



Our PTA is looking for a new Treasurer. Are you able to spare some time for the role? If so, please get in touch via <a href="mailto:ptastam-fordgreen@gmail.com">ptastam-fordgreen@gmail.com</a>



#### **Fireworks**

One of our biggest events of the year is back on Friday 11th November.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW on PTA Events.

Ticket price: £6.50

Under 2's - Free

Tickets will NOT be on sale on the evening itself and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are limited and sold on a first come first served basis.

Please **PRE-ORDER FOOD** on PTA Events to help avoid queues and waiting time.

Doors will open at 5pm and the firework display will be at 6.30pm.

Due to licensing restrictions, parents/carers are not permitted to bring their own alcohol onto school premises. Smoking and vaping on school ground is also strictly forbidden.

Our PTA events are only possible with your help and support so please help where you can. There are various ways in which you can lend a helping hand and many a friendship has formed over a burger bun or mulled wine sale. All we ask is 10-30 minutes of your time. We would love your help with set up, sale of goods, clearing up, marshalling and clearing debris the following morning. Many hands really do make light work!

If you can help with this event, please sign up for your slot via the PTA Events website https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sgpta > My Account > Volunteer





#### **Christmas Winter Wonderland**

Christmas comes to Stamford Green on Friday 2nd December. There will be lights, festive games, Christmas Trees for sale and even Santa visiting. More information will follow shortly!



## Stamford Green Christmas Sticky Toffee Pudding

Now in it's 6th year the winner of the label design will be announced on Friday 21st October.

This design will then appear on all our delicious puddings this year.

Sales go live on PTA Events on 21.10.22 and stock is limited. Don't miss out on this amazing early Christmas gift.



#### **Christmas cards**

Thank you to all the pupils and teachers who worked so hard to complete the artwork for our Christmas cards this year. Many will have already received these masterpieces! Thank you to **Anne-Marie Carlin** for coordinating this with our new supplier.



# Online fundraising and Christmas shopping

Please help the PTA by boosting fundraising from shopping online.

It costs you nothing and is honestly really simple to use!



#### 1. Amazon Smile

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

Follow the steps below to register SGPTA as you

charity and shop away!

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

#### 2. Easyfundraising

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

AMAZON SMILE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE APP!!

Did you know that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price to Stamford Green (at NO EXPENSE TO YOU!).

Follow the steps below to register "Stamford Green School Parent Teachers Association" as your charity and shop away!

Thank you in advance for your support!

## amazonsmile You shop. Amazon gives.

Get started

Open the Amazon Shopping app on your phone

Find settings

Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'

3 Turn on AmazonSmile

Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the activation

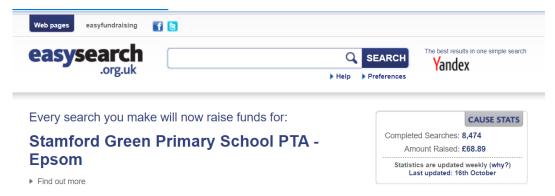


We now have 131 people on easyfundraising but over 400+ families at the school so we have a long way to go to maximise this opportunity. So far we have raised £2,766.

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!

**2. 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.



**3. Match funding.** If you're volunteering to support one of our events please check to see if your company will **match fund** your time?



### **Introducing your PTA Committee**















Every parent or carer at the school is part of the PTA. We are fortunate to have people that are able to support the PTA with specific roles and activities. They make a fantastic contribution, alongside our dedicated staff and teachers, in creating fun events and achieving our fundraising goals.

At the annual AGM we look to fill vacant positions and this year we are looking for a new Treasurer to join our team.

Our Treasurer vacancy role involves managing the PTA accounts and reconciling cash and online payments for our events. It could be one person or a team of friends.. If you'd like to get involved, please do get in touch at <a href="mailto:ptastamfordgreen@gmail.com">ptastamfordgreen@gmail.com</a>

We'd like to take the opportunity to thank all outgoing members for their huge efforts, as well as saying thank you to those who are staying on in their role for another year.

A big thank you to **Claire Trowler** (our previous Treasurer) and **Sarah Aldridge and Telma Costa** (Purchasers) as well as **Elle Vellacott** (Social Media Lead) and **Michelle Oliver** (Class Rep Co-ordinator) for their contributions as PTA. Michelle Oliver was an active member of our PTA for 9 years. She is succeeded by Sheryl Bardhoshi who has kindly agreed to help co-ordinate our important team of class reps. Thank you to all.

