



'Building Community and Raising Funds to support our Children's Education'

PTA March Newsletter

Hello everyone, we hope you had a nice break over half term! The last month went in a blink but we did manage to squeeze in a couple of activities, didn't we!

We held a second-hand uniform sale in the second week of Feb, raising £46, and year 4 hosted the Day of Hope Coffee Morning & Cake Sale with all proceeds going to a number of charities as selected by the children.

School Disco KS1 & KS2

These super cool discos held during February raised £255 for our school! Big thanks to the wonderful team of mums and dads who helped out with this event especially **Cat** and **Liz**. Fantastic team work. And thank you children for coming, busting some serious moves and being so much fun!

Textile Recycling – Friday 1 March

Thank you to **Lynn** for organising it once again. The final amount raised last Friday is not in yet, but it seems that we did well with our February clear out! There really is nothing like a good spring clean.

Up & coming events & activities

March is looking exciting with some lovely events for the children, and for the adults as well - as you know lots of hard work has been going on behind the scenes organising the Quiz Night!!!

Quiz Night – Friday 8th March.

We are in our final days of organising this event and we are so excited to say that the tickets have almost sold out! We only have 1.5 tables remaining so if you want to reserve a place, please email Catriona (catrionaransley@gmail.com) or Trudy (Trudy_im@me.com) as soon as possible. Doors in the Parish Hall will open at **7:30pm** with the Quiz starting at **8:00pm** promptly. There will be a bar on the night selling cocktails, gin & tonics, prosecco, wine, beer and soft drinks. During the interval freshly baked pizzas will be delivered for all and please, feel free to bring snacks like crisps or cheese for your table. Thanks to all of you that have bought tickets, we are looking forward to having a great night testing our knowledge (?) and certainly to having a great laugh!

Recipes for St. Charles Cookbook – Friday 15th March

Please remember to share your recipes with us to include in our new cookbook! Send an e-mail to pta-recipes@stcharlesb.surrey.sch.uk. If you would prefer to submit a handwritten copy of your recipe, please post it in the PTA post-box. You can also e-mail photos of the finished meal and/or your child cooking if you are happy for us to use them. We look forward to receiving your recipe submissions **by 15th March** and making this a successful new fundraiser. We would love to have all families in the school included with at least one recipe!

Cake sale & Coffee Morning by Year 3 – Friday 22nd March

Donations of cakes from Year 3 will be very much appreciated. Please bring them to the Parish Hall where we will have a coffee morning open for all from 9.15a.m. followed by Lent reconciliation mass. The cake sale will take place, as usual, in the playground at pick up time. Thanks in advance to Year 3 for all your cake donations and for running both events!

Easter coffee morning – Friday 5th April

The last day of term will see our normal Easter activities:

- Coffee Morning – this will take place in the Parish Hall from 9.15a.m. onwards. Donations of cakes will be very much appreciated (please bring them to the hall for 9.15a.m.).
- KS1 – Easter Bonnet parade / competition. Nursery & KS1 will form an Easter bonnet parade around the playground. Parents are welcome to watch.
- KS2 – Easter Egg decoration / competition. KS2 children will have the opportunity to decorate an Easter egg. Each child will come home with a polystyrene egg along with some instructions. Their wonderful designs will be put on display throughout the coffee morning and there will be certificates for the winners.

We are looking for volunteers to help on the day so please do sign up!

Easter MUFTI Day – 5th April

A reminder that we are introducing an Easter MUFTI day on this date for a contribution of £1 to help fund our Easter activities.

Easter Egg Hunt – 28th April, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

The preparations for the Easter Egg Hunt have started and we are counting on you! This year we are wanting to give you more, and as well as the egg hunt, games, races and food on the field, there will be crafts for the kids and teas in the church hall along with a few other bits. We are kindly asking for help from the school community as we need various homes willing to have a **board outside their house** - from our main sponsor Power Bespoke - to advertise the event. Please let us know as soon as possible via your class rep if you can volunteer. Additionally, if you would like a space in the church hall to sell some products or services please contact either Cat on 07957237604 or Jane on 07900212588.

We are also looking for **donations** for the eggs - should you have any surplus Easter Eggs that you would like to donate we will have a table on **Tuesday 23rd** - at drop off and pick up - to collect them so we can use them for the event. Also, are you aware of any local companies who might be interested in donating eggs? Please let us know at the usual address. Many thanks in advance!

Freeze Pop Fridays

We will start running Freeze Pop Fridays regularly after Easter break – we would be very

grateful for any volunteers to run this please – if you can please email pta@stcharlesb.surrey.sch.uk. The current volunteers have run it for the last few years and are looking for helpers to hand it over since their kids are close to leaving the school.

Friends of St Charles

Are you, or do you know of, a local business who offers discounts or other incentives to the St Charles community?

We are looking to collate a database accessible to all in the school of local shops, restaurants, businesses etc. who come recommended by other parents/carers and also who might offer discounts to the St Charles community. Please get in touch if you are either a local business offering discounts to your fellow parents/carers or you would like to help to collate the list – again get in touch via email with the details to pta@stcharlesb.surrey.sch.uk

We can confirm the following discounts with many thanks to our local businesses:

PowerBespoke continues to support many of our events through sponsorship and joint promotions and are going one step further by offering the families of children at St Charles Borromeo School an opportunity to help raise substantial funds for the school when selling through them or simply referring them to others. Upon legal completion of a sale of a local property, PowerBespoke will give the seller 5% discount off their fee and will also donate 5% of their fee as CASH BACK to the School PTA Fund. On top of this, PowerBespoke will pay an additional £500 to our PTA Fund after 5 successful referrals. Terms and conditions apply, please feel free to ask Roberto Ghirardani for more details. He is a parent at the school and is PowerBespoke's Weybridge Area Specialist. If you know of somebody who is thinking of selling, please send them the following referral link:

<https://powerbespoke.referralrock.com/l/PBSTCHARLES/>

Maria Clarke, parent at the school and sale leader at **Avon**, has kindly offered to donate 5% of her commission earned for every order she receives via a parent (also orders from extended family). Avon offers a wide range of products for the whole family, as well as supporting charitable causes. Long gone are the days of just selling make up, they now cover men, children, clothing, homeware and gift ranges, to name a few.

Weybridge Sports kindly offer a 10% discount to all St Charles parents across their range of products.

Don't forget to sign up to the St Charles PTA Facebook page!

Many thanks and have a great month!

John & Ivette Stephenson

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