

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



PTA Update 20 April 2021

Hi Everyone,

Sorry that it's been so long since I last sent out a PTA update! Between home schooling and starting a new job I'm afraid I've struggled to find the time! Thank you to all the class reps for keeping the communications going!

Whilst it's not been a "normal" year for fundraising to support the school's budget we are managing to stay on track for the current school year and that follows on from a strong fundraising result last year. Thank you as always to everyone who's been involved in organising events/initiatives!

Yearbook

We all love the yearbook that gets produced every year. Unfortunately, the previous team who have produced amazing editions for many years really have to step away this year due to work commitments. Its clearly quite a big undertaking, but please can anyone "creative" out there step up to take this on? Its usually produced using "InDesign" and the previous team will explain everything that needs to be done. Please shout if you think this could be you (either via class rep or direct to me)? You can chat to the previous team before you commit but we will need to get cracking on this quickly!

Elmbridge Community Lottery

This time last year we signed up to the new Elmbridge Community Lottery organised by Elmbridge Council. This is a £1 weekly lottery with top prize of £25,000. Thankyou everyone who has already signed up for tickets, and congratulations to all the prize winners, including a £2,000 cash winner and a £250 cash winner! The PTA receive 50p for every £1 spent on tickets (and other Elmbridge good causes receive a further 10p). Fingers crossed for more big prizes soon. The link to sign up for tickets is [Elmbridge Community Lottery: Easy online fundraising for good causes - Elmbridge Community Lottery \(elmbridgelottery.co.uk\)](https://www.elmbridgelottery.co.uk) and search for "St Charles".

Easyfundraising

Please sign up to "Easyfundraising" to help the PTA raise funds. All you need to do is register and then visit the website or App before buying things online, whether its shopping hotels car hire or flights.

You can sign up at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcharlespta/>. This is one of the easiest ways to raise money for the school. It does not cost you anything and does not affect the price you pay for your online shopping. Over 3,200 well known retailers (Including Waitrose, Argos, Booking.com and most household names) donate a percentage of what you spend online to St Charles PTA when you visit with [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) before carrying on with your normal purchases. Over the years we have raised a total over £4,800 for the PTA simply by shopping on-line.

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The PTA is registered with Amazon smile. If you use the Amazon Smile site instead of the normal Amazon site and select us as your chosen charity we will receive a donation of 0.5% on most of your purchases. The link is here: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1088928-0>

The PTA's Role

Given central funding cuts over recent years the support of the PTA is a much needed resource, most importantly for helping provide a large part of the IT Budget (we contribute £17,500 per annum). We work very closely with Mr Holt and his staff to assist with their funding requirements as well as helping finance other key areas in the school. Some of these include buying books for the school library, funding events for children and providing new equipment for the playground.

PTA Committee

Role		
Chair	David Jackson	Year 2 and Year 5
Vice Chair	Chezelle Williams	Reception and Year 5
Treasurers	Dave & Kate Anderson	Year 2 and Year 4
Secretary	Natalie Blackburn	Reception and Year 5
Sponsorship	Sandra Ross	Year 2

I've been chair of the PTA for nearly 2 years now. Its been a great experience, but with returning to work recently, I'm finding it hard to put as much time into it as I'd like to. If anyone would be keen to take this on I'd happily hand it over. Please get in contact if you want to find out more about what the role entails? Equally, if anyone is keen to get involved organising events/initiatives do get in touch pta@stcharlesb.surrey.sch.uk.

Facebook – Run by Samantha Peace

On Facebook? Please join our PTA page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1541782836079785/>

Thanks

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