

Bishops Tachbrook CofE Primary School PTA

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Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the first half term, we wanted to update you on our fantastic achievements as a PTA and the upcoming socially distanced events we have planned over the next few months.

Welcome to new Reception Parents and Carers

Firstly, a huge, warm welcome to our new Reception Parents and Carers. We hope your little ones are settling in well, particularly having started school during a very unusual time.

We'd love to see you online at one of our PTA meetings soon, during which we discuss fundraising ideas. All classes have a PTA rep, so do contact them on your class Facebook or What's App group if you'd like to find out more or would like to get involved.

We also have a PTA Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/134887723245746/>), where we post information about upcoming fundraising activities.

Being Green

The PTA now has an Environmental Officer on the team, holding us to account and ensuring that all our events and activities are considering the impact on the environment as much as possible.

Achievements in 2019-2020

Despite having to cancel several events due to Covid-19, PTA events and activities raised a whopping **£8,056** in 2019-20. A huge **thank you** to all volunteers and teachers for helping to run the events and to every single one of you for donating items, attending the events and taking part in the activities.

The PTA events aren't just about raising money for our school. They're also about making memories for the children and bringing our school community together. The activities we ran last year included the Christmas Fayre, Valentine's Disco, Family Bingo, T-towels for Mother's Day (although of course Dads do washing up too!), Christmas Cards, the village Scarecrow Trail and proceeds from the KS1 Nativity DVD.

What this means

We're really pleased to tell you that the money we raised has largely been spent already! The PTA funds have meant **new Interactive Whiteboards** for Year 4 and Year 6, **new reading books** for the whole school, a **new TV** for Reception and **special handwriting books** for all children.

Contact us

Find us on Facebook: [Bishop's Tachbrook PTA](#) or email btachbrookpta@gmail.com

One or more of the committee members are usually on the playground at pick up or drop off. Or you can drop a note into the school office. www.btschool.co.uk/pta.htm

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“The interactive whiteboards are really clear to see. If there's something really important on the screen, you can't miss it! The lined handwriting books are so helpful too. Now our writing is beautiful and we all get stickers for our neat writing!” Harriet

Our aim this year

We've heard from the teaching team that a few items in particular would be really welcome this year:

- Art lamps for learning about shadows
- A camera for every class so that learning can be shared with parents and carers – and also to make taking photos on school trips a little easier!
- Entire class sets of books so that whole classes can study the same text

We'll keep you updated throughout the year on how the fundraising is going.

Upcoming events and activities

To create fun and happy memories for the children and to FUNdraise as much as we can, we're running lots of socially distanced events and activities this year. During the first term we have:

- Autumn coasters
- Personalised Christmas cards, wrapping paper, gift tags, etc
- Countdown to Christmas (watch this space!)
- Personalised Bag for Life

We'd love to hear your ideas for other socially distanced fundraising activities. You can email btachbrookpta@gmail.com, contact your class PTA rep or join us at one of our online meetings.

Thank you again for all your support!



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