

# **Wivelsfield Primary School PTA**

Registered Charity No 1033350

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome from the PTA to new and existing parents and carers of children at Wivelsfield Primary School. We hope you have all settled in well.

At Wivelsfield, all parents and carers automatically become members of the PTA, and from the members, a Committee is elected, who work tirelessly to raise money to help provide the 'extras' that cannot be funded directly by the school.

During a normal busy school year, the PTA would expect to raise in the region of £8-10,000, which I am sure you will agree for a small village school is a fabulous amount. Our three main yearly fund raises are:

Christmas Fair which raises approx. £2K Spring or Summer Fair which would raise a further £2-£2.5K

We also have a very tasty and successful refreshment stop outside St Georges Retreat, on the route of London to Brighton Bike Ride which again raises over £1K.

We also hold a number of other smaller events throughout the year, all of which help to raise much needed funds so that the children can continue to enjoy regular Music Lessons, Forest School, new reading books and many other items within each classroom.

The PTA has also donated money towards the Outdoor Classroom, and will be contributing to other outdoor learning opportunities over the coming months.

# **Fundraising and Donations:**

As you can imagine over the last 6-9months due to COVID-19, our fund-raising activities have taken a real 'hit' and we are now having to look at much smaller fundraising opportunities.

These might include, Non-Uniform days, The Charity Bin, The Lucky Numbers Lottery (formally the 100 Club), Easyfundraising, Amazon Smile, selling Christmas cards designed by the children, virtual quiz night, sponsored events, and Donations.

#### **Donations:**

If you would like to set up a Standing Order or make a donation to the PTA, the bank details are: Wivelsfield Primary School PTA

Acct : 03485643 Sort Code : 60-10-26

### **Charity Bin:**

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed a large charity bin located at the vehicle entrance gate to the school. We can put clothes, paired shoes, blankets, handbags, belts, towels, cd's, dvd's, video games, books and bric-a-brac into the bin, which is emptied weekly and all money raised from the contents is split between the School and The Rocking Horse Appeal. Anyone can put items into the bin so please tell all your friend and family about it too. This has been our ONLY form of fundraising over of the past 9 months and has raised over £1,000 for the school!



### **Lucky Numbers Lottery (formally The 100 Club):**

For the great price of £20 per number per year, you choose any vacant number between 1-100, which will be entered into 12 monthly draws, for a chance of win one of 4 cash prizes. Not only are you helping the school but you have a chance of winning your money back (and more!) Application forms attached. Good Luck!

Please contact Wendy Rees for more info (w3ndyrees@hotmail.co.uk or 07753 883181)

With Christmas fast approaching and a lot of us shopping on-line these are a great way to support the school with no cost to yourself.

## **Christmas Cards:**

Before Half Term, the children created their own Christmas design which can be made into Christmas cards and other lovely personal gift for family and loved ones. Details of how to order:



## **Easyfundraising:**

Our supporters have raised money for FREE by using **#easyfundraising** when they do their usual online shopping! Thank you SO much to everyone who's raised a donation so far - keep up the good work.

Clarke's, M&S and many more stores donate up to 3% of every online purchase – Shop via this link

:https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wivpspta/?fbclid=IwAR2ZJNEoeDsX33nw\_INux4N0 ZvP11-X-yJRgqBNiLFJDajrpvHKD-TsRMKY

#### AmazonSmile:

Another free way you can raise money for the PTA is via smile.amazon.

Simply visit www.smile.amazon.co.uk,

- 1.Log in using your usual Amazon log in details,
- 2.Click on 'Your Amazonsmile' under the 'Accounts & Lists' menu
- 3. Search and Select Wivelsfield County Primary School Parent Teacher Association

Then each time you shop on Amazon log in <a href="www.smile.amazon.co.uk">www.smile.amazon.co.uk</a> rather than just amazon.co.uk

Each eligible purchase means a donation to the PTA with no extra cost to you.

# The Body Shop:

If you, a family member or friend uses Body Shop products please consider purchasing them via Michaela Holmes (Tel 07740 407112) mention 'Wivelsfield Primary School' and the PTA will receive a donation from The Body Shop.

https://issuu.com/tbsah/docs/tbsah\_uk\_winter\_catalogue\_2020?fr=sOTIwMDE5MzQ3NTA&fbc\_lid=lwAR2ZJNEoeDsX33nw\_lNux4N0ZvP11-X-yJRgqBNiLFJDajrpvHKD-TsRMKY

# **Christmas Hamper Raffle:**

More info to follow over the next couple of weeks!

## **Second Hand Uniform:**

When you children grow out of PE Tops, Fleeces or Jumpers with the School logo, if they are still in good condition, please consider donating them to the PTA Uniform Shop — Contact the PTA via <a href="wivelsfieldprimarypta@gmail.com">wivelsfieldprimarypta@gmail.com</a> to arrange collection.

# **Come and join The PTA Committee:**

### **Our Present Committee members are**

Chair – Wendy Rees Vice Chair – Vacant (Acting) Treasurer – Bryony Sinclair Secretary - Rhea Feltham

Alice Melluish, Faye Strong, Laura Goulds, Amber Whinn, Karla Jones, Sarah Theastone, Gail Morgan, Stuart Hornby and Kathy Sturgess.

Staff Member - Miss Messam Co-Opted Governor Member – Mrs Smith

As you can see we have a very strong committee but as with any committee, we are always looking for new members.

All existing committee members must stand for re-election each year.

Wendy Rees (Chair) and Rhea Feltham (Secretary) will be standing for re-election.

Bryony Sinclair (Treasurer) is not be standing for re-election.

All other committee members listed are standing for re-election.

Under 'normal' circumstances election and re-election of committee members would take place at the PTA AGM. Unfortunately this year, due to current restrictions the AGM has been postponed so we are asking any new volunteers for the committee (and/ or any of the roles listed) to contact the PTA via: wivelsfieldprimarypta@gmail.com by the Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

On a personal note, I would like to take the opportunity to say a very big thank you to all the past and present committee members and other helpers for your tireless work in helping to raise money for the children at the school.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Wendy Rees (Chair) and the PTA Committee.