



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019

We want to send a warm welcome to the new families who have joined the St Charles' school community this year and welcome back our existing families. We have a lot of fun activities planned for this year and want to share some of the initiatives with you to get everyone involved!

PTA DONATIONS FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

SCHOOL TRIPS

The PTA has **donated a total of £3,200** with £400 allocated to each class to go towards school trips. This will help fund exciting educational opportunities for all the children to enjoy outside of the classroom.

READING LIST

The school is launching a new reading list initiative to encourage our children to read for fun. The PTA has **donated a total of £1,200** with £150 allocated to each class to provide new, relevant, age appropriate reading books aimed at inspiring our children to read more frequently and for pleasure. The initiative will support our children in becoming fluent and keen readers.

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA fundraising activities last year that made the reading list and school trip donations possible.

FUNDRAISING TARGETS


This year we are fundraising towards the development of outdoor activities for our children. This will include funding materials/equipment required for the expansion of the Forest School and also funding towards improved playground equipment.

Our goal is to raise £4,000 for the outdoor initiatives.

AGM – save the date!

We would like to invite all parents, grandparents and supporters of the PTA to our AGM. It will be at **The Gosforth Hotel on Thursday October 10th from 7:30pm.** We plan to discuss future fundraising ideas and we welcome proposals on new initiatives. We hope to meet lots of new families and provide a social opportunity for our hard working parents!

CLASS REPS - The PTA would like to support fundraising activities for individual classes and need the help of Class Reps. The Class Rep will co-ordinate with class teachers and pupils on fundraising activities for their classes who can then spend the funds raised on their own initiatives. It's a small time commitment of 2/3 fundraisers per year but we need volunteers to make this a success so please email the PTA if you would like to get involved: stcharlespta@gmail.com



UPCOMING PTA ACTIVITIES – DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thurs Oct 10th – AGM at The Gosforth Hotel from 7:30pm

Mon Oct 21st – Coffee afternoon at school from 2:30pm and after pick up to welcome new families into our school community. More details to follow.

Thurs Nov 21st – Adult quiz and social night at St Charles' Church hall from 7:30pm. Tickets will include a welcome drink and food and it will be also be BYOB. It will be a great opportunity to meet lots of new St Charles' parents. More details to follow.

Sun Dec 15th – Christmas Fair at St Charles' Church after mass. More details to follow.

For Christmas this year we plan to have our children make personalised Christmas cards that families will be able to purchase. We are also going to have the children create portraits of themselves for inclusion in a school tea towel. Tea towels will be available for sale in time for Christmas, making a great gift for family and friends!

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JOIN US!

We would like to create a **'friends of the PTA'** e-group. This will be a group of people who are willing to help out at PTA events. You would be added to an email/Whats App group that we will contact when we need helpers. There is no specific time commitment necessary, just a willingness to muck in when you can!

Please email the PTA to be a Class Rep or to be added to the e-group: stcharlespta@gmail.com