



# Emscote and All Saints' PTA End of Year Newsletter 2020



What a different end to the year and not quite what anyone had planned! We had a really good start of the school year and had very successful Christmas Fairs at both schools. We managed to fit in a few events before lock down and since then everything has been quiet. We had a very successful zoom meeting last week and if that is what we need to do to carry on, we will. However, we are looking forward to next year and possibly having face to face meetings and some new and reorganised events, depending on what can be safely carried out.

We invite you to get involved in raising money to support children and learning at both schools. We welcome you to share your skills and enthusiasm. The PTA is a friendly group of volunteers who give our time to organise fundraising events for our children's education. In exchange, we hope that you will gain rewards as being part of this friendly and enthusiastic community.

Items for **Emscote** have a red title, items for **All Saints'** have a green title and **joint items** are gold.

## REPORT ON FUNDRAISING

Thank you for all your support this year. We are delighted to announce that we have raised an amazing £6,672 for both schools this year. We are delighted to report that we have spent/committed a whopping £10,215.

The following funds were raised to directly support all the children at both schools:

- Spring craft - £474
- Marathon - £194
- Amazon Smile - £33.48 for the last quarter.

We've also received £400 in matched funding from National Grid. Thank you very much for such a massive contribution. Let us know if you too work for National Grid or another employer who has a matched funding scheme?

Please see the next page for little ways you can help when doing your shopping including how to get AmazonSmile on your phone app.

## REPORT ON EMSCOTE SPENDING

Emscote have been saving up some funds for iPads and we are very pleased to say that there are now 24 on order with the PTA putting forward £3,000 towards them. Visualisers for each classroom, which link up with the white boards, are also being purchased after some of the staff got to use them while teaching at All Saints. Atlases and globes for use in the classrooms are on the way. And finally, PSHE books and books about different families are on order along with equipment to upgrade the library.

## REPORT ON ALL SAINTS' SPENDING

Our spending on the Year 6 classes has been a bit different this year as they have missed out on some trips and other treats they would normally have had. Instead of t-shirts they are receiving hoodies which they are very excited about. They will also be enjoying a takeaway pizza lunch at the end of term.

This school have also asked for a range of geography equipment including globes, indoor and outdoor maps of the UK and the world, atlases and biomes maps.

## 100 CLUB

The 100 club has been even more popular this year than previously with 72 numbers picked and raised £360 for the schools, but we did still have a few spaces so get your name down for a number early.

If you are currently taking part in the 100 club we will be emailing in September to see if you would like to continue especially if you have chosen a lucky number.

## STIKINS LABELS

If you are purchasing labels for your children's clothes etc please consider purchasing from Stikins as the PTA receive 30% commission. Our fundraising code is 6843 and the website is: [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk)

## NATIONAL BOOK TOKENS

Another way to help the schools is to enter the national book tokens competition to win £5000 for the school library and £100 for yourself. Deadline for entry is the 31st July. It only takes a minute and anyone can nominate the schools so another one to send on to friends and family.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

## AMAZON SHOPPING

If you shop with Amazon please do have a look at how you (and family and friends) can add the PTA as your charity of choice through Amazon Smile. We won't see how much you spend only a quarterly total amount donated to the PTA.

To take part, open Amazon Smile in your web browser and choose The Emscote and All Saints Parent Teacher Association.

To set it up on your phone, do the above steps in your web browser. Then open the app and find 'settings' in the main menu. Click on AmazonSmile and follow the on screen instructions to turn on Amazon Smile on your phone.

At no extra cost to you we get 0.5% on all purchases!

## HELP NEEDED

We have a few positions on the PTA committee becoming vacant at the next AGM. We are looking for someone to take over the official roles of treasurer and secretary and also someone to do the three newsletters that we put out each year.

Please do email at the address below to ask any questions about these roles if you are interested. We will be giving a full handover for any of the roles and there are always other members who are able to help. It is a team effort.

We are extremely lucky to have a large number of volunteers. However, we always need more help and if anyone would like to volunteer, please email the address below.

With social distancing likely to be part of our lives for some time to come, we are going to have to look at different ways of running most of the events we normally run. Some events may not be possible. As a result, this may be the perfect time to try some new ideas. If there are any events that you know of that would be able to be run, especially in the Autumn term, please get in touch.

## NEXT PTA MEETINGS

We don't have a date planned for a September meeting as we are waiting to see if we can meet in person. An email will be sent out early September when we know what can be arranged. If you would like to be added to the email list please let us know using the email address below.

Our meetings are friendly and welcoming, with refreshments and snacks provided (at the physical meetings! Zoom calls are BYOB!). If you'd like to get in touch, or want to join our mailing list, please contact us on [\*\*emscoteandallsaintspta@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:emscoteandallsaintspta@gmail.com)