

PTA Newsletter – October 2020

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Dear Parents, Grandparents, Carers, and Friends of South Wingfield Primary School,

Welcome back to a very different year – time is flying and we are nearly at half term already! It has been a challenging time for all of us, and we hope that you have been able to find some positivity despite the difficulties. We appreciate that times are tough but we are sure you will agree that school is playing a vital part in our children's lives, perhaps more than ever, and we as a group would like to do what we can to enhance this. Therefore, if you have any ideas for 'alternative' fundraising events, or if there is something you would like us to raise money for, please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you! If you haven't already done so, please 'like' our Facebook page so you can stay updated with our news.

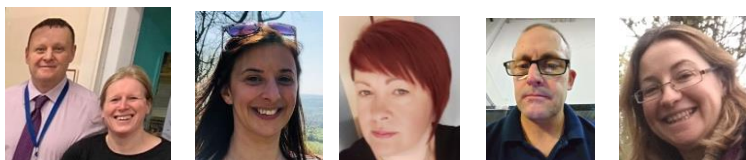
Thank you once again for your continued support, it is very much appreciated!

Best regards,

Adi, Keeley, Sarah P, Sarah W, Mike, Ruth

Meet the Team!

We are delighted to introduce ourselves! Here are our smiling faces, so do say hello if you pass us!



We are always looking for people to support our activities, either by joining the Committee, giving a couple of hours of your time to assist with an event, or just by giving us some feedback!

Events Summary

October

Cookbook entries

Halloween Pumpkin Carving Competition

November

Virtual Book Fair

Big PTA Quiz – details to follow

Important Announcement

We will be holding our AGM on **Wednesday 4th November at 20:00**. Due to current restrictions, this will take place via Zoom, so if you would like to take part, please email us or return the slip below and we will send you an invitation and a link nearer to the time. The AGM is your chance to hear what we have been up to and what our plans are for the coming year. We are also looking for nominations for Committee posts! Contact us for more info!

Heads Up on Events!

EasyFundraising

We are registered with easyfundraising. It's a great site where you can help us raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping! Over 4,000 big name retailers are included, such as John Lewis, USwitch, ASOS, Argos, Expedia, M&S and BT. Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you!' It's completely free to join – just sign up at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/southwingfieldprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=fb1

Halloween Pumpkin Carving Competition!

After you have paid your entry fee (further details on how to do this will be sent nearer the time), please send a photo of your child and their 'creation' to the email address above by **Friday 30th October**. Grown ups can enter too!

If you do not want your pictures to appear on social media, please just let us know.

School Cookbook

We are asking for contributions of your child's favourite recipes, which we will collate into the South Wingfield Primary School Cookbook. This can be anything – from their favourite after school or weekend snack, cake or treat, main meal, picnic lunch – we would love a variety! Please can you send any recipes to the email address above, including your child's name and class, and a photo of the finished product if possible, by **Friday 6th November**. You will have the opportunity to purchase the book once it is published.

2nd – 4th November – Virtual Book Fair

This year we will be running a virtual book fair, in conjunction with Usborne Books. It will be held on Facebook and for those who don't have Facebook, a web link can be provided. The book fair will run for 3 days during which time you'll be able to watch videos, see photos and get a look inside some of the 3000 books on offer.

Beth is our Usborne Organiser who helped us raise money for free books for school last academic year. Every penny spent at the book fair adds towards school getting some lovely new books for the library. You can start to view the books via her website www.valleyviewbooks.co.uk but please save any orders that you have and place them with her directly when our book fair is running.



Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone who supported our activities last year. Our fundraising total for last year was **£629.89**, which was brilliant, considering everything stopped in March!

With this money, we were able to supply every child with refreshments for the Christmas Pantomime, buy new bookshelves for the library, and raised £171 towards new books, which will be arriving shortly. We also funded and arranged a visit from local award winning author Sue Wilkins, who spent time reading and talking with the children in each of the classrooms.

Finally, all the Year 6 Leavers had the opportunity to take part in a recorded interview, and this was put onto USB sticks for them, as a lasting memory of their time at SWPS.

Date: 6 October 2020

Dear Parents,

PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We would like to give notice of the AGM of the South Wingfield Primary School PTA, to be held on Wednesday 4th November 2020. The Zoom meeting will start at 8 p.m. Invitations and the agenda will be sent out a couple of days prior to the meeting.

The PTA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, as members of the PTA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children/students at our school.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTA Committee, who represent the association throughout the forthcoming year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member, for the first time. Existing committee members wishing to stand for re-election do not have to be nominated again but should inform the PTA of their intention to stay in their role.

If you would like any further information about being a Committee Member, and what each of the roles entails, please speak to Mrs O’Hara or email us at swptfa@gmail.com. As our PTA is a registered charity, all committee members automatically become Trustees of the Charity. Before submitting your nomination form, please read the Charity Commission publication ‘The Essential Trustee – What you need to know (CC3)’. A copy of the booklet can be found on the Charity Commission website.

Please return the slips below as soon as possible, or by 30 October via email at the PTA email address swptfa@gmail.com.

We look forward to ‘virtually’ seeing you on **Wednesday 4th November!**

Kind Regards,

Your PTA Committee



I/We shall/shall not be attending the AGM on *Wednesday 4th November*

Name Email

NOMINATION FOR OFFICER/MEMBER OF THE PTA COMMITTEE

Nominee

For position of: Chair/Secretary/Treasurer/Other Officer/Ordinary Committee Member [Circle one]

Nominated by Seconded by

[Please sign and print name]

[Please sign and print name]

I (nominee name) agree to my nomination for the position of

Signed

Date

