

Thorns PTA newsletter

The perfect excuse to put your feet up with a cuppa



Welcome to the Thorns PTA newsletter which will update you on the profits of the PTA fund raising events so far this year as well as outlining how we plan to spend the money and most importantly will provide you with some upcoming dates for your diary.

The PTA always welcome new members. The PTA is a great way to meet other parents, get to know the school and raise as much money as possible to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for the children.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR YEAR SO FAR

It's been great to be able to put on some of the more traditional events this year such as the Christmas fair and 'Challenge 2024' but the committee has also enjoyed some new events including second hand book sales, the Spring fair and Tuck shop Fridays.

The Spring fair was a huge success in terms of sponsorship received (totalling £1780), attendance with more than 125 tickets sold and the introduction of a petting farm which was very much enjoyed by the children. Chocolate eggs left over from the event were distributed to Thorn's staff, Brambles and food shelters



£1,439

CHRISTMAS FAIR,
CARDS, SCHOOL PLAY
REFRESHMENTS



£1,750

SPRING
FAIR, CAKE
SALE



£484

HALLOWEEN,
FIREWORK ROUND
TABLE



£619

CHALLENGE
2024



£207

GIFT
SHOPS

Thank you for helping us raise an amazing £5,235 so far this year!

Enabling us to provide resources and experiences for our children including:



£250

CLASSROOM WET
PLAY RESOURCES



£2000*

WILLOW
GRADEN



£1,885*

RECEPTION
SHED



£1,300*

SILENT DISCO
EQUIPMENT



£TBC*

SUMMER WORKSHOP,
ICE CREAMS



Did you know?

When you support us, you're not just baking a cake, writing a cheque or giving up your time to volunteer.

You're buying your child playground equipment to climb on at breaktime or technology for their classroom, adding books to the school library and providing fun learning experiences.

You're also making new friends, strengthening the school community and helping to make your child's school even more brilliant.

It's great for the kids too – studies show there's a direct link between parental involvement at school and how well children do. When they see us involved in their school and learning, it encourages them to do their best.

Being involved in the PTA not only improves your child's school, it makes you an excellent role model.

THANK YOU

The PTA extends a big thank you to the following local businesses who have sponsored events and/or made donations this year:



BERNARD ROGERS & CO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



WAITROSE
& PARTNERS

*ESTIMATE



WILLOW GARDEN RENOVATION

The committee is excited to announce that the 'Willow garden' is finally going ahead. The site is being re-developed into a fully fledged Forestry School. Thanks to the profits from the Spring Fair, the Forestry School equipment has been ordered and the PTA are hoping for the grand reveal of its opening by May half term

FREE MONEY? YES PLEASE!

There is an easy – and free – way to raise funds for the PTA by downloading this app and then shopping as normal. Previous PTAs have received over £2,500 of free money using this app!



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS – CAN YOU HELP?

The PTA committee is always looking for kind offers of help. No offer is too small so please contact us via thornspta@gmail.com or our Facebook page or the Thorns Chit Chat WhatsApp group. Could you volunteer for any of the following tasks:

- Wrap gifts for the Father's Day 'Someone Special' Event
- Help support the 'Someone Special' shop on 14 June 2024
- Man the stall for the 'Treat Friday' tuckshop
- Assist making raffle baskets for the Summer Celebration event
- Support the Year 2 Leavers party



SPONSERSHIP – CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have a local business or does your Company sponsor School events? The PTA is looking for any offers of sponsorship or prizes for the upcoming Summer celebration so please contact us if you think you can help



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Treat Fridays** – a tuck shop every week until the end of term but as the Summer weather comes this will become Frozen Friday
- **PTA committee meeting** (20th May) – The Tiltyard 1930hrs, all welcome
- **Someone Special** (14th June)
- **Summer celebration** (28th June) – afterschool
- **Year 2 Leavers party** (date TBC)



Did you know?

So far this year, we've generated £579 from the lottery.

There's a guaranteed winner from our school every week and a chance for the £25,000 weekly jackpot!

Tickets cost £1 per week with 76% going to the PTA and prizes for our ticketholders.

We have 43 players but it would be great to get to 50. To get yours click [here](#)



Grants & Matched Funding

Does your company offer matched funding for charitable donations or grants for volunteer time?

Previously the PTA has benefited from Mastercard matching employee donations and paying grants for employee volunteering.

If anyone knows of any grants we can apply for please let us know at thornspta@gmail.com