St Marks PTA (Cheltenham)

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Newsletter 3

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New Year, New opportunities

We hope everyone hand a lovely Christmas and have recovered from the busy events of last terms. The daffodils have started appearing at school, which brings lovely memories, and wonderful colour to the school ground.

This term we have confirmed some exciting plans,including our athlete visit happening after half term. Team GB gymnast Remell Robinson Bailey will be visiting St Mark's on Tuesday 24th February. Remell will be meeting the children and leading them in a range of fun, inclusive sporting challenges designed to inspire confidence, teamwork and love of movement.



The Christmas fair raised a fantastic £892 profit with £600 of that coming from the wonderful raffle. Thank you to everyone who came and supported both us and the year 6s.

We also managed to raise £472.30 this year from the Christmas Card/Item designed by your children. A Christmas bonus that will go towards exciting opportunities for the children.

PTA Reps

A quick reminder of your wonderful class reps. These are your first point of contact for any PTA related questions or queries. They will also send out reminders or requests for our events throughout the year.

Class 1 - Sarah B
Class 2 - Kim D
Class 3 - Tori
Class 4 - Claire M
Class 5 - Cat F
Class 6 - Amy T
Class 7 - Sian L
Class 8 - Lesley B

PTA News

Friendship Bench

A new bench funded by the PTA is due to be delivered soon and placed in the playground for children to sit and talk, think and laugh together.



Second hand uniform and Xmas Jumpers

If you have any uniform that your child has outgrown, please either hand to your class rep, give to the chairs, or hand in to the school reception.

We are also collecting Christmas jumpers, clothing items or costumes ready for next year.

Year 6 Leavers

Hoodies have now been ordered for the Year 6 leavers.

Each child was given the chance to try on a variety of different sizes and choose for themselves which size to go for.

After a vote last meeting, we have also agreed to fund some of the leavers party to ensure that costs are kept down so all children can attend.
The plan will be for this to be a yearly contribution to Leavers fest organised by the parets of the Year 6s.

Little Wandle Books

We have recently fully funded the purchase of 152 Little Wandle books to support the phonics teaching within school.

This will help to increase their stock and ensure that the new system Benhall moved to can be carried on effectively through St Marks .

To Join the PTA

If you want to offer your help at PTA events, please join this WhatsApp group:
https://chat.whatsapp.com/K3euEpkdB5O1MGkeBjnkU5?mode=ems_share_t
We appreciate as much, or as little time you have to give.

Dates for your Diary

- 24th February - Athlete Visit
- 18th March - PTA Meeting the Hatheley
- 20th March - Cake Sale and Easter Comp
- 26th March - Disco
- 14th May - Sats Week hot breakfast
- 16th May - Summer fair