

PTA NEWSLETTER

HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT HALF TERM

I'd like to welcome you back after half term and to begin with a quick update on the term's activities so far.

In mid-October we held our Welcome Fayre, and I am so pleased to announce that we raised over £5000 for the PTA.

It's one of our biggest events, so a critical contribution to our fundraising. **Thank you to all classes for the help** on the stands, and to **everyone else for coming along.**

WELCOME FAYRE

Together we raised over

£5000

for our school

As we gear up to Christmas, we've got plenty more to keep you entertained, on its way. First up's our annual PTA AGM on 8th November.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

David Eaton

Chairman, on behalf of the PTA committee

PLEASE COME ALONG TO PTA AGM OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 8th November – 7.30 pm

Lower site. Please use the main entrance

NEW DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE

Our yearly PTA meeting is almost here. It's your chance to come along and meet the PTA team, a chance to share your skills or ideas, have your say, or join our brilliant PTA.

Since our last newsletter, and as announced at the Welcome Fayre, the date and location have changed. **We're now meeting on 8th November at the lower site.** Any questions?

Please email us at ssaspta@gmail.com

WHY BECOME A PTA MEMBER?

As a team member, you'll directly contribute to our ability to support all children across SSAS.

We want to encourage everyone to get involved, and it's up to you by how much. You could be a fully-fledged member or perhaps able to help out on an event stand for an hour. Big or small, all help is appreciated.

There are many advantages of helping us:

- **You'll be showing your child the importance you place on education**
- **You'll be able to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause**
- **By getting involved, you'll be part of the solution, helping to make positive change**
- **Plus, PTA events provide opportunities to meet other SSAS families and teachers**



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Wreath Making WORKSHOP

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW

Secure your place today at our wreath-making workshop on **1st December, at 7.30 pm** at the church hall.

It's a great night out, getting hands-on and learning how to create a stunning festive wreath.

All are welcome; **invite your friends and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere** while sipping a warm glass of mulled wine and nibbling on toasty mince pies.

- **Tickets are £25 and include all materials needed**, plus tuition to make your very own Christmas wreath.
- **Alternatively, kits are also available** (with bottle of wine, but no foliage) for £20.

Book via Arbor using narrative 'wreath making £25' or 'wreath kit £20', but get in quickly, as they're first-come, first-served.

Paying by cash or cheque? Please send in a clearly marked envelope to either site's office. Please include name of attendee, number of guests, and contact details incl. email address.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Each year our children are invited to write to Santa, and in exchange for a £2 donation, they'll receive a personalised letter from Santa himself!

A letter template will be sent home on Friday, 11th November. Please check the template has been completed **carefully and clearly** – it'd really help the elves. Return by **24th November** to the postboxes at both sites' main entrances. Your reply will be delivered by **12th December.**

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGNS

If you've already ordered your cards, wrapping paper, bags, mugs, and more, with your child's designs printed on them, these are due to be sent to you in mid-November delivered via school bags.

If you've not ordered yet, there's still a little time. **Place your order online** for delivery in early December **by 15th November** (to be confirmed).



All of our school Christmas cards are printed on FSC and Carbon Neutral accredited paper

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

PANTO AT ALBAN ARENA

If you ordered panto tickets through the PTA, **you will have been assigned tickets to join us at the panto on 16th December.**

Although the deadline to buy from us has now passed, if you'd still like to see the panto, **contact the Alban Arena directly.** Be sure to ask if they have any seats near our school.

ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE FROM CHRISTMAS TREEASY



HELPING TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL THIS CHRISTMAS

With free delivery direct to your door, choose a top-grade, non-drop Christmas tree via Christmas Treeasy. Every tree we order includes a donation to our PTA. Stands, logs, and tree recycling are available too.

Order early to secure your preferred delivery date

Here's how to place an order online:

1. Go to the order page online at:
<http://www.christmastreeasy.co.uk/order.html>
2. Choose your size of tree
3. Add **our school** from the drop-down box
4. Choose your preferred delivery date from options
5. Add **Recycling**, a **Stand** or **Christmas logs** to your order if you wish

Contact Christmas Treeasy for more information:

- Email: enquiries@christmastreeasy.co.uk
- Phone Dean on: 07710 407149
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/christmastreeasy

Cash and cheques may be payable upon delivery; call or email them for details. Please make cheques payable to Christmas Treeasy Ltd; please write your details on the back. Credit card payments can be made online only.

However
you order, make
sure to tell them
our school name:
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Christmas Hampers

Volunteers needed

Let your class PTA rep know if you can help

We'll be doing class hampers again this year.

Speak to your class's PTA rep ASAP if you'd be happy to manage the collection of donations for your class.

Here are your class PTA reps:

- Nursery – Joanna and Helen
- Reception – Margaret and Collette
- Year 1 – Lili and Anna
- Year 2 – Nicola and Ivy
- Year 3 – David and Maggie
- Year 4 – Sanija and Siobhan
- Year 5 – David and Nicola
- Year 6 – Geraldine and Victoria

Hamper raffle tickets will be in school bags on 21st November

Send in your donations by 30th November

Your class hamper rep will let you know what to donate

Draw takes place on 9th December



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes:		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 PTA AGM 7.30 pm, lower site. Please use the main entrance	9	10	11 LETTER TO SANTA: Letter template sent home in bags	12
13	14 LETTER TO SANTA: Postboxes now in main entrances of both sites	15 CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGNS Last chance to order online (Date is still TBC, but order quickly for delivery early December)	16	17	18	19
20	21 CLASS HAMPER RAFFLE: Raffle tickets will be sent home in bags	22	23	24 LETTER TO SANTA: Last day to return your letter to Santa via postbox in main entrance	25	26
27	28	29	30 CLASS HAMPER RAFFLE: Send in your donations by today	Notes:		

PTA CALENDER

DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Notes:				1 WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP: 7.30 pm Hall at Ss Alban & Stephen Church PRE-BOOKED ONLY	2 SCHOOL CLOSED (Occasional day)	3
4	5 CLASS HAMPER RAFFLE: Last chance to return your raffle ticket stubs and payment	6	7	8	9 CLASS HAMPER RAFFLE: It's the BIG DRAW! Our fingers are crossed as we reveal who's won per class	10
11	12 LETTER TO SANTA: Has Santa replied to your letter? Check bags to find out...	13 LETTER TO SANTA: Has Santa replied to your letter? Check bags to find out...	14	15	16 CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY Wear your own Christmas jumper day PANTOMIME: 5 pm, Alban Arena. PRE- BOOKED ONLY	17
18	19	20	21 LAST DAY OF TERM (Half day)	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Fundraising

...the easy way

Raising money for the PTA doesn't have to be complicated.
In fact, try these easy ways to help us raise money
– most won't even cost you a penny!

Join easyfundraising

Collect free donations for us every time you buy something online. It won't cost you a penny extra!
Signing up's super-simple:
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ssaspta

Shopping on Amazon?

If you're planning to buy online with on Amazon, shop via this site:
<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>
and 0.5% of your transaction will be donated to our PTA

Running a Marathon? Just Giving

Want to do your own challenge? Select us as your chosen charity on Just Giving

Matched Giving

When you donate directly from your salary, sometimes your employer matches your donation. Ask your finance team or check your intranet as a lot of companies do this.
It's free money – it's that simple

Matched Funding

If you're helping to raise money for us through sponsorship, employers often pay the charity for the time you spend fundraising.
This is an easy way to increase the amount, without increasing the effort!

Charity Donation

You know we're a charity, right? (Charity no. 295680)
You're very welcome to donate (cash or cheque to 'Ss Alban & Stephen Schools PTA'). Pop in an envelope via school office labelled 'charity donation' to PTA Treasurer

Thank you very much
for all you do!



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Ss Alban & Stephen Schools' PTA event

Wreath Making

WORKSHOP

Thursday 1st December

From 7.30 pm

Ss Alban & Stephen Church
in the hall upstairs

Join us for a relaxed evening and learn how to create your very own festive wreath.

Bring a friend or two and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and mince pies, while learning under expert guidance, and help us raise funds for our PTA.

Kits are also available (with bottle of wine, but no foliage) for £20.

Book via Arbor using narrative 'wreath making £25' or 'wreath kit £20', but get in quickly, as they're first-come, first-served.

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Book now to
secure your place

£25 a ticket

Included in the ticket price:

- All materials needed to make your own wreath
- Expert tuition and clear step-by-step instructions
- A glass of mulled wine and a mince pie



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