

Sherborne Primary - PTA Letter – Mrs Emma Young - Chairperson

Dear parent,

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Meeting challenges together

While the government is being confronted with many challenges, parents are not powerless to assist their school. We strongly believe that school and parents working in partnership is the most positive way to raise money and secure the best educational experiences for our children.

Did you know that in the last two years, your PTA raised over £10,000 through fundraising and supermarket donations. We have used these funds to pay for the play equipment in the KS1 playground, the sensory & forest garden, new reading books and even a defibrillator to name just a few.

The good news is, everything your PTA raises goes directly to providing for the school, and, in consultation with staff, parents have a say on where and how the money is spent.

Get involved

You can make a real difference! More parents involved with their PTA means more money raised through more fun events, benefitting everyone.

There has never been a better or more important time to support your PTA.

What value does your PTA already bring to school?

- **Fundraising** – whether it's paying for extras or essentials, every penny directly benefits our children
- **Fun** – our events are enjoyed by children, parents and teachers alike, and are a great way to bring the whole school community closer together
- **Parent voice** – discussing where PTA money is spent, talking to teaching staff and everything in between contributes to school decision-making.

Join us

There are many ways you can offer your talents and be part of the conversation. If you would like to chat about how you can volunteer for your PTA and be a force for good in Sherborne Primary PTA – however much or little time you can spare – ***please get in touch with Emma at pta@sherbornepri.dorset.sch.uk or on 07967720733. Be certain that your help will be greatly appreciated and will make a big difference.***

Fundraising Ideas

Due to these unprecedented times, this term we are unable to do our usual fundraising events; Halloween Disco, Quiz Night and Christmas Fayre.

Instead, we are having a Non-School Uniform Day with a 'Monster Mash Theme' (to replace our usual 'Monster Disco; which unfortunately we cannot organize due to Covid-19) on Friday 6th November with a voluntary donation of £1 per child.

For Christmas we will still be having our Christmas Raffle, this year though the tickets will be sent home before and the winners will be notified. We are also still looking at doing the Elfridges Stall. This time outside each School Group Bubble. This will allow the children to buy their parents/carers a little gift for Christmas.

We are also setting up a School Lottery. With this there is a chance to win £25,000. It will cost £1 per week, and out of that 40p will go directly to our school! We are looking at having the first draw on Saturday 31st October, then every Saturday thereafter. We will send out more information as soon as we have everything finalized.

If anyone has any other ideas on how we can raise money we would appreciate your input.

Kind regards,

Emma Young

Chair of the PTA