

# Friends of St Peter's News

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## Message from the Chair

Against the backdrop of another very challenging term for pupils, teachers and parents I want to start by saying thank you to you all for your continuing commitment to supporting our fundraising efforts. The third national lockdown has once again affected our opportunities to come together as a school community and we as the FoSPs trustees have had to continue to be creative in finding ways to encourage us all to support the school in whatever way we can. We recognise that every family will be experiencing its own challenges and struggles and so I, and all the trustees, are very grateful that so many of you have continued to involve yourselves in FoSPs events. We have tried to find the right balance between over-communicating and under-communicating throughout the period when there is so much else on all our minds. Hopefully we are getting the balance right! Please do contact us directly if you have any thoughts or suggestions as to how we can adapt what we do to better meet our remit of providing financial support to the school whilst bringing us all together.

Our virtual event before Christmas feels a long time ago now, but it is worth me stressing how grateful the school is for your generous support of the virtual raffle and Christmas card fundraiser, raising over £1150 between them. The Easter term has not been what we would have hoped for in terms of opportunities to share our time with each other and join together to support the school. That has not stopped us all continuing to achieve some impressive fundraising results given the circumstances. The Easter bake sale was a marvellous success, as were Jennie Walbank's 'Mindful Movement' classes.

As I write in the Easter holidays things are looking much brighter for the country as a whole. As we move into the summer we very much hope that the freedoms that we will all soon be able to enjoy mean that we can make a very welcome return to in-person events that we can enjoy together. Whilst we recognise that we will need to take a cautious approach, we are already planning for a fitting way to say goodbye to and celebrate the achievements of our wonderful Year 6s as they move on to secondary school. They, like all our pupils, have done incredibly well in very trying circumstances and we would very much hope to be able to come together to celebrate both their completion of primary education and St. Peter's first year as a full primary school.

As our planning progresses we'll be sure to keep you up-to-date. In the meantime I wish you all a happy and peaceful end to your Easter holiday and we hope to see you all, parents and pupils, in less constraining circumstances in and around the school very soon.

Best wishes, Andrea Boyle



## Upcoming Fundraising Events

### Rags2Riches4Schools

Having a clear out? Don't forget to gather up all your reusable, good quality clothing and donate it to the school. Through Rags2Riches4Schools we can turn your reusable clothes into money for St. Peter's. For a full list of items that can be donated please visit [www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk](http://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk)

We raised the amazing amount of £98.38 last September!

Let's see if we can beat that amount this May!



**Bagged donations will be accepted on the morning of the Wednesday 12th May before 9am. Details of where to drop off your donations will follow.**

### Father's Day Gifts

We will be offering the opportunity for the pupils to design their very own Father's Day coasters and mugs through Class Fundraising this year. Please look out for further information and the design templates, which will be put in book bags soon.



## Fantastic News!

### The Easter Bake Sale

Thank you all for coming along to our first, long awaited, bake sale of the year. All manner of Easter bakes and hot cross buns were on sale and the children were delighted with their treats! Vera's beautifully decorated cupcakes went down a storm! Together we raised over £250 for St. Peter's. Well done everyone!



Many thanks to Jennie Walbank, who raised £122 in donations for the school during February.

Jennie's 'Mindful Movement' classes via Zoom were a great success. Extremely enjoyable they raised an amazing amount, whilst giving those who attended a very welcome half an hour of quiet reflection on a Sunday evening!

### Bampton Village Community Shop Grant

Our recent grant application has been successful! Bampton Village Community Shop has granted us a wonderful donation of £510, which will go towards a class set of reading books and a Religious Education pack.

BVCS has been very generous to us over the last few years. Please support the shop as they are now open again. It is located in the centre of Bampton on Rosemary Lane, OX18 2JJ.



## Fundraising Highlights for 2019-20

Last year FoSPs raised over **£6,750**, which has been used to fund the following resources for the school.

Cornerstones	£200.00
Panto Ice creams	£142.50
Whizz Pop Bang	£188.00
First News Subscription	£173.00
Phonics Play	£100.00
Active learn	£571.50
Parentmail	£809.00
To Build a Profile/Purple Mash	£383.33
Times Table Rock stars	£122.10
Classroom Secrets	£106.86
White Rose Maths	£99.00
Events Gazebo	£212.00
Bampton VC Shop Grant	
Sports Kit	£742.00
Laptop	£481.20

As well as all of the amazing resources above, we also challenged ourselves to raise funding for 3 laptops and we succeeded! One laptop was purchased and paid for by a grant from the Bampton Village Community Shop; however, the further 2 laptops were not purchased before the first lockdown. As a result of the pandemic the school received funding from the Government and donations from very generous local businesses and individuals. Additional laptops were purchased with these funds to support pupils' remote learning. St. Peter's now have all laptops they require. As such, the school has been thinking carefully about what the additional funds available from the laptop fundraising drive should be put towards and have requested the purchase of a 'Laptop Charging Trolley'. I am sure you will all agree that it will be a worthwhile purchase.

## 5 EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT ST. PETER'S

### Easyfundraising

Help raise funds for school without spending an extra penny! It is really easy to register and there are no hidden charges or catches simply head to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpetersceschoolalvescot/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpetersceschoolalvescot/) and join for free.

### [www.stamptastic.co.uk](http://www.stamptastic.co.uk)

If you're planning on labelling new uniform, please have a look at [www.stamptastic.co.uk](http://www.stamptastic.co.uk). If you quote our school code **OX182PU** on any orders we also benefit from 15% commission!

### School Uniform

School has a list of second hand uniform. If you would like any please email the office the size and item required and it will be sent home with your children if in stock. Any donations would be gratefully received!

### School Wish Lists

Thank you so much for all the wonderful books that the school has received over the last academic year. We look forward to helping to fill the school libraries further and helping fund more essential STEM resources. If you would like to donate items directly to the school via the wish lists, here are the links:

**Amazon literacy wish list:** [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/149BAT5186744/ref=cm\\_go\\_nav\\_hz](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/149BAT5186744/ref=cm_go_nav_hz)

**Amazon STEM wish list:** [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/39V8N3RZ9GOTG/ref=cm\\_go\\_nav\\_hz](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/39V8N3RZ9GOTG/ref=cm_go_nav_hz)

Pre-loved copies of these books are also available and would be equally valued as gifts to the school. When you have chosen what you would like to buy please add a note to 'gift options' with your details, for example, 'Kindly donated by the Peters Family', so that the school can add an inscription in the front of the book.

### Birthday Books

To celebrate your child's birthday, why not purchase a book from the Amazon wishlist for them to share with their classmates. A bookplate will be inserted into your chosen book with the inscription, 'Kindly donated to St. Peter's to celebrate (child's name)'s (age) th birthday'

### Or you can join the 50/50 Lotto!

**This will be one of our main fundraisers this year so if you can please support it. Remember the more people who enter the bigger the prize pot will be!**

You can still join the Lotto and take part in the seventh draw of the academic year to be held at the end of April. The draw runs for 10 months of the year from October to July and is drawn on the last Friday of the month. If you wish to take part please contact [friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstpetersalvescot@gmail.com)