



South Stoke Primary School PA Newsletter

Welcome to the first South Stoke Parents Association newsletter of 2021! It's great to see all the children now back at school and we are looking forward to a fantastic end to the Spring term.

Money raised by the school PA benefits EVERY child in the school and is spent on: Sports coaches, school trips (including theatre trips and PGL), workshops, forest school, plus additional equipment to help support the pupils.

South Stoke School is planning significant improvements to the playground over the next eighteen months and, thanks to your support, the PA will be contributing to this project. Enhancements will include resurfacing and repainting, as well as replacing and improving the play equipment. We are looking forward to these exciting developments starting to take shape this summer.



Autumn Term Successes

The Autumn term was a very busy time for the PA with several successful activities adding to the funds raised. The fireworks goody bags proved to be very popular, raising over £300. The PA sold handmade Christmas decorations and gifts through the new online shop and raised nearly £400. The sponsored walk was very well supported by the children at the school and they stomped their way to raising £727.60 for the PA. We also had our biggest ever Bag2School collection, with the mountain of secondhand clothes and shoes raising a record £559.

Sadly, because of Covid-19 restrictions, we have had to cancel the May Fayre again this year. The May Fayre is usually one of our main fundraising activities, so the PA has created many new ways to raise money this term.

Thank you!

The PA would like to say a special thank you to James Tunney and his employer, Microsoft. James raised over £1000 through his 12k for Christmas fundraiser. Microsoft also went on fund match several PA activities and these combined totals contributed a fantastic £3,439. This donation will make an enormous difference to the PA in this challenging year for fundraising.

THANK YOU from us all.

Bag2School

After the success of the collection in the Autumn term, we are pleased to announce that we have organised another clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School. As well as raising vitally needed funds for the school it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles from landfill.

Bag2School will be collecting from South Stoke Recreation Ground on 17th May by 9am. Please bring your bag (or bags!) by 9am and help us have a really good collection.

Contact Heidi Tunney at heidi.p.tunney@gmail.com for more information.

New appointment

South Stoke School PA has appointed Andrew Bell as the new treasurer. Andrew will take over from Cheryl King, who held the role for 2 years.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Cheryl for all her hard work and number crunching during her time on the PA!



Visit from the Easter Bunny

The Easter holidays are fast approaching, and the Easter Bunny has prepared some beautiful gift crates to buy for the children. The crates are available to order on the South Stoke School online shop: South Stoke School Pop Up Shop

The crates are handmade and can be personalised for one or two (or more) children and can then be reused after Easter. The crates are crammed full of handmade gifts and sweet treats and include hand crafted soft toy bunny, Easter egg and small chocolate eggs, spring flowering plant, golden eggs (for an Easter egg hunt) and mini chicks. Please visit the online shop for more information.

South Stoke Beanie Hats

At Christmas Santa delivered a South Stoke School beanie hat to each of the children in the school. These navy beanies with the name of the school and the star motif proved to be really popular. We now have adult-size beanies available to buy for £10 each on the South Stoke School online shop. These would make perfect gifts for older siblings, parents and ex-pupils from the school. Go to the South Stoke School online shop for more details: South Stoke School Pop Up Shop



Next Meeting

Our next PA meeting will be on Thursday 1st April at 8pm via Zoom. Please do join us at these meetings if you can, all families are welcome. We are always looking for creative new fundraising ideas, or even if you are just curious about what we do, please join us.

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