

# PTA Update

The Official Newsletter of Lady Boswell's PTA



## Update from your PTA Chair

Sharon Saunders, PTA Chair and Co-Headteacher

**As we reach the end of another academic year, we write to you with a Newsletter 'round-up' of the PTA activities.**

**I cannot overstate the impact that the work of the PTA has on this School. Its input plays a huge part in helping to set us aside from other primary schools.**

Special events such as the summer and Christmas fairs bring our entire community together in a collective effort to offer festive fun and entertainment for all. With a diverse range of additional events, such as the Fun Run, Mother's and Father's Day pop-up shops, Film Nights and 'Break the Rules Day', there is always something for everyone!

## Inside this edition:



Fundraising update

What have the funds gone towards?

Join us!

Other ways to fundraise

Plus much more!



With the opening of the new extension at the front of the School, the PTA has been delighted to have been provided with a bespoke pre-loved uniform space, and a room in which to run their shop. We know how important this service is to our parents/carers and are delighted that going-forward, we will be able to offer more frequent, efficient and 'weather-proofed' sales.

Alongside the pleasures that our special events have brought, through your generosity, the funds raised this year have been quite staggering.

As you will have heard in the press, School budgets are tighter than they have ever been, and so having these additional PTA resources allows us to continue to enhance the provision for every child in the School. Investment in large projects, such as the upgrade of IT equipment, allows us to improve facilities for the children at Lady Boswell's today, and for those yet to join us.

The PTA Committee works closely with the School to decide where to focus the funds raised, with concentration on special large projects, but also traditional annual allocations being made to fund year group workshops and even, very gratefully received, annual donations for each Class Teacher to spend in their classroom.

The Committee is an extraordinarily cohesive and talented team with a very impressive skill-set. We are, however, always, hoping to welcome new members. Anyone joining the team can bring as much or as little as they have time for. We would be pleased to be joined by people who are simply able to help with day time events, such as Mother's Day sales, or equally, anyone with a passion to help in steering the PTA. **If you feel you can offer a little of your time, please don't hesitate to contact the Committee via [ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com](mailto:ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com)**

Last, but by no means, least, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the members of the PTA Committee for their extraordinary hard work, commitment and ingenuity. As the year draws to a close, we say a very grateful and inadequate 'thank you' to the following stalwart members who are stepping down, but who have driven and led so many events in recent years; Mrs Helen Gush (4 years on Committee with 2 years as Vice Chair), Dr Anneen Aucamp and Mrs Claire Leslie. Earlier in the year, we also said farewell to Mrs Joanna David and Mrs Gayle Cotton. We thank them all for their generosity with their time and expertise.



**Thank you all for supporting your PTA.**

**Sharon Saunders, Chair of the PTA  
Co-Headteacher**

THANK YOU!

TO THE LADY BOSWELL'S  
COMMUNITY - WE HAVE  
REACHED OUR  
FUNDRAISING TARGET  
FOR 2022/2023!



## Fond Farewell

**As mentioned by Mrs Saunders in her round up of the year, we say a fond farewell to a number of PTA Committee members.**

Joanna David and Gayle Cotton both left the Committee earlier this year. Joanna still remains very much involved and has helped with both Bottle Tombolas this year and the recent Pre-Loved Uniform Sale as a 'Friend of the PTA'. Gayle was instrumental in the organisation of the Pre-Loved Uniform Sales and was very involved in the running of these for a number of years, for which we are very grateful.

We also now see the stepping down of Anneen Aucamp and Claire Leslie, who have both been on the Committee for 2 years, and myself who will be stepping down as Vice Chair at the end of the school year. Anneen was fundamental in the organisation of the Summer Fairs the last 2 years, as well as helping with numerous other events, always willing to help with anything needed and going the extra mile. Claire's contributions to the PTA have been vast - she has been responsible for all of the marketing and artwork that we have been using in recent years, as well as the development of this Newsletter. Much of which will be used for years to come. Both Anneen and Claire will be extremely missed by all on the Committee.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents, carers, class reps, staff, children and those who have been on the PTA Committee during my tenure. I've had an incredible 4 years being part of a wonderful team, organising some memorable events for the children and parents to enjoy, as well as being part of a Team who have raised a fantastic amount for the school through our numerous fundraising events. I'll be sad to see it come to an end, but am so happy to leave the Committee in such a strong position with an amazing group of people involved.

Thank you again and have a wonderful summer!

Helen Gush, Vice Chair



**How much did our school community raise this year?**

**A staggering  
£34,649!**

Christmas Fair and Grotto  
**£5,475**

Matchfunding  
**£5,269**

Summer Fair  
**£5,012**

Countdown to Christmas Raffle  
**£3,908**

Happy's Circus  
**£2,645**

Cake Sales (to date)  
**£1,873**

Donations & Grants  
**£1,244**

Festive Film Night  
**£1,222**

Pre-loved Uniform  
**£1,170**

Quiz Night  
**£1,142**

Father's Day Pop Up Shop  
**£1,027**

Mother's Day Pop Up Shop  
**£921**

Fun Run  
**£793**

Break the Rules Day  
**£716**

Christmas Cards  
**£646**

Amazon Smile &  
Easyfundraising  
**£596**

Coronation ice creams  
**£312**

Fireworks  
**£266**

Coronation mugs  
**£217**

Bag2School  
**£111**

Stonepitts Christmas  
Trees  
**£66**

Big PTA Raffle  
**£20**



## What did we buy with the funds raised?

### Outdoor

Outdoor reading areas | Shed for school sports equipment | Forest school waterproof dungarees

### IT & other equipment

VR headsets | 16 iPads, cases and trolley | Lego spike prime sets | PA System and microphone

### Class budgets

Budget for each class



## What did we buy with the funds raised?

### Curriculum Enrichment

Science Week | Black History Month Workshop | Year R Dinosaur Day | Year 1 Seaside Day | Year 2 Great Fire of London Day | Year 3 Egyptian Day | Year 4 Roman Day | Year 5 Greek Day | Year 6 Victorian Christmas

### Extra-curricular

Sports equipment | Sports flags

### Other

Hi-viz jackets for children | Coronation bookmarks | Christmas crackers | Year 6 transition books | Easter eggs



## We need you!

We are always looking for new members to join the Committee! All of the PTA events that you see throughout the year are organised and run by members of the PTA Committee, along with volunteers from the school community. We cannot do these without you. We would very much welcome new members to join the Committee or become a 'Friend of the PTA'. If you are looking for a way to be more involved in the school, organise or help at an event, raise some much needed funds for the school, or just make some new friends, please do get in touch with us at [ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com](mailto:ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com).

### **We are currently recruiting for the following roles on the PTA Committee:**

**Vice Chair** - the Vice Chair leads the Committee on a day-to-day basis, organising meetings, liaising with the school, having oversight on events, etc.

**Marketing** - marketing includes designing posters, banners and any other literature for our events, the publication of the termly Newsletter, maintenance of the Lady Boswell's PTA website, etc.

**If you would be interested in either position or sharing the role with another person, please do contact the PTA at [ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com](mailto:ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com) and we would be very pleased to discuss these positions in more detail with you.**

## Help required with the PTA shed

We are looking for someone who would be able to take a look at our PTA Shed to see whether it can be made water-tight.

Currently water is getting in which is making it largely redundant for storing anything in it for longer than a couple of days. The obvious problem are the doors which do not shut securely currently. These need to be rehung and we would like a bolt added which can have a padlock attached to make it more secure. The structure of the shed also needs looking at to see if water is getting in elsewhere and whether anything can be done to improve this.

**If anyone could help, please let us know at [ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com](mailto:ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com)**

## Uniform

Thank you for your donations over the course of this year. Pre-loved Uniform Sales have raised a fantastic £1,170 this year, but also fundamentally enable uniform to be purchased more affordably for our families.

Can we please have any final good quality uniform donations in our Red donation bins by pick-up on Thursday 20th July at which time all donations will be taken home by the PTA Committee over the summer to be washed and stored for the first sale of the new school year.

## Year 6's

We would be grateful for donations from any Year 6 leavers too. If you are unable to come to school to donate these in September, please do contact the PTA Committee at [ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com](mailto:ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com) to see whether we can arrange for these to be collected from you.

## Grey and White Uniform

As a reminder, we cannot accept grey or white uniform at this time. However, M&S offer a donation of pre-loved school uniform to Oxfam via their stores. Place your donations of white and grey uniform in one of their in-store Shwop boxes and they'll donate them to Oxfam. As a thank you, Sparks Customers will receive 20% off selected kids' clothing. Simply scan the QR code on the Shwop box after donating for the offer to be added to your account.

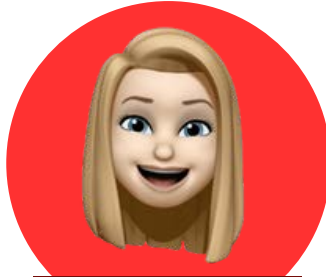
## New Uniform - Horncastles, Sevenoaks

As a reminder, new uniform purchases can be made from Horncastles in Sevenoaks. For the month of July, Horncastles offer a 5% discount on uniform purchases.

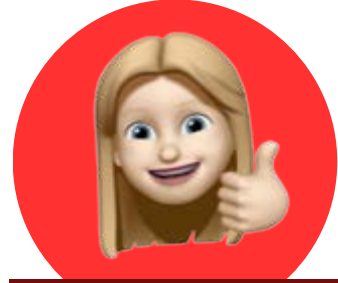
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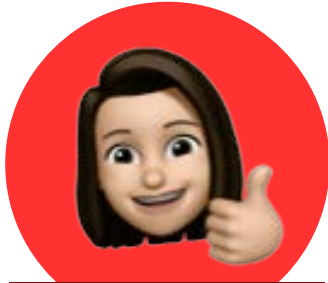
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**Louise Mullen**



**Rebecca Rushton**



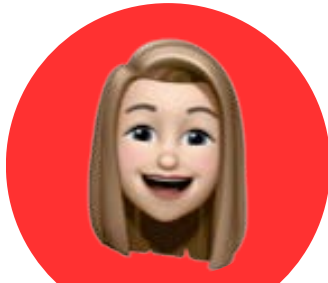
**Anneen Aucamp**



**Jill Bond**



**Gersande Coudyser**



**Jemma Jackson**



**Danielle Lautier**



**Claire Leslie**



**Celia McDonnell**



**Sarah O'Prey**



**Erica Popplewell**



**Gemma Webster**



**The children beamed with excitement as they saw the array of gifts to choose from!**

## **Father's Day Pop Up Shop**

The Father's Day Pop-up Shop was very popular, selling a whopping 367 gifts.

It was heartwarming to see the children come into the shop class by class, eager to choose just the right present for the special man in their lives.

The children beamed with excitement as they saw the array of gifts to choose from. The whoopee cushion and joke book flew off the shelf.

We were overwhelmed by the number of parent volunteers and were extremely grateful for their support in the smooth running of the day.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event.



**At Treasure Island there were a broad variety of activities, something for everyone and an event the whole family could enjoy together.**

## Summer Fair

The Summer Fair was in true form taking place on a hot hot hot Summer's Day.

*"The sun is rich  
And gladly pays  
In golden hours,  
Silver days,*

*And long green weeks  
That never end.  
School's out.*

*The time is ours to spend."* taken from June by John Updike

At Treasure Island there were a broad variety of activities, something for everyone and an event the whole family could enjoy together.

The Go-Karts, Fire Engine and Human Fruit Machine were new innovations and additions to our more traditional stalls but every stall had a twist and flavour to fit our Treasure Island Theme this year.



Our children treated us with various performances and it goes without saying that there is a whole community of unsung heroes who have put this spectacular day together. Thank you!

**We are extremely grateful for the support and help of our Lady Boswell's Parents and Children and we can now sail off to a break together wishing everyone a wonderful Summer Holiday. Aye aye Captain, till we meet again.**





## Fun Run

Bright and early on Sunday morning a large group of runners lined up to start the second PTA Fun Run in the beautiful surroundings of Knole Park. Younger runners ran 1km with older runners including parents and children tackling an undulating 5km route.

The 1km race was won by Jack S and Annabel C. The 5km KS1 winners were Ethan M and Tilly M. 5km KS2 winners were Ethan B and Charlotte T.

The adult category was won by Simon Hail and Jessica Tayton. Special mention also goes to Robyn W and Cece T who won the Spirit of the School Awards for their commitment and determination.

**Congratulations to all who took part!**

# MATCHFUNDING

## Can your boss help?

We can **DOUBLE** the funds raised for our school with **MATCH FUNDING!**

①

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer.

②

Some companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on.

③

Usually, the employee (you) will need to supply them with a letter from the PTA detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

**If you have any questions, or need our assistance, please contact us at [ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com](mailto:ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com)**

## Easyfundraising

Please support Lady Boswell's School, Sevenoaks by raising free donations when you shop online through easyfundraising. It's simple and only takes 2 minutes to join!

Sign up now at [Support a Good Cause | Sign Up | Easyfundraising](#) and download the app on your phone.

## My Name Tags

School ID is 31490.

School life is a lot easier when things don't go missing, so labelling your child's belongings can be of big help.

The My Nametags labels are extremely hardwearing and save a great deal of effort and potential lost property.

They can be used on school uniforms, brownies/guides clothes, football kits, in fact almost anything. For every order of personalised labels, My Nametags will contribute to the school. Order online at [www.MyNametags.com](http://www.MyNametags.com) and use our unique School ID number (31490) you'll be raising much needed money for the school.

For more information on the fundraising scheme, please go to:  
[https://www.mynametags.com/static/img/downloads/MyNametags\\_fundraising\\_information.pdf](https://www.mynametags.com/static/img/downloads/MyNametags_fundraising_information.pdf)

# Stikins

School ID is 11439 | <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

Lady Boswell's fundraising number is 11439. Please use this when you purchase your stikins.

Stikins name labels are designed to be a truly multipurpose name labelling solution.

One pack of the stick on name labels can label pretty much everything and anything so you don't have to buy different labelling products for different items.

The Stikins school fundraising scheme has distributed thousands of pounds amongst participating schools every year since 2004. While the details of the fundraising scheme have been fine-tuned over the years, its core principles have remained constant to give schools and PTAs the opportunity to raise money, while helping parents to safely and securely label their children's belongings.

## Tesco Community Grants

Just a reminder that Lady Boswell's School has now been chosen to feature as part of Tesco Community Grant token scheme. We have applied for this grant to gain financial support to allow the children to enjoy additional cooking workshops in our new Community Room. The Grants range from £500 to £1500, dependent upon voting.

When shopping at the Sevenoaks Tesco store, you will be offered a blue token with which to vote. Voting commences in the Sevenoaks store from the first week of July until the end of September, 2023.

Please do get voting!



WISHING YOU

ALL A

WONDERFUL

SUMMER

BREAK!

