

BOLLINGTON ST JOHN'S PTA



**WORKING TOGETHER TO GROW A HEALTHY, HAPPY
AND CONNECTED SCHOOL COMMUNITY.**

Welcome all to our first newsletter of 2020, firstly we would like to welcome all of our new starters and their families and to everyone else welcome back!

We are a team of volunteers who raise much needed funds that help to improve the learning experiences and facilities that the school budget cannot stretch to. We also aim to provide those memorable fun moments for the children throughout the school year. We hope that we can bring the school community and home life closer together and usually the odd trip to the pub would also be a bonus (adults only, of course).

The aim of this newsletter is to keep you up to date with upcoming events, to share our ideas, communicate spending plans and to show what our funds have been used for. We will usually keep our communications short and sweet but on this occasion we wanted to ensure that you were given some necessary detailed information and we can then focus on key areas going forward throughout the school year.

Last academic year we raised a staggering £6090 (before costs). We funded our leavers gifts, a laptop trolley, AV equipment, Christmas lunch extras, Hands on Science day, Crucial Crew Child Safety and contributed towards Mrs Jobbins' trip to Uganda. Imagine what we could have achieved if the children had attended for a full year. Our most successful fundraisers have been dependant on large gatherings, so this year we are going to have to be a bit more creative!

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Our COVID resilience plan

We have put our heads together and tried to work out a way the PTA can help our school community get through these unprecedented times and what we have come up with is.....

...drum roll please...

THE PTA COVID RESILIENCE PLAN

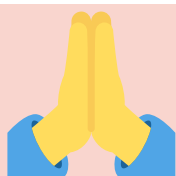
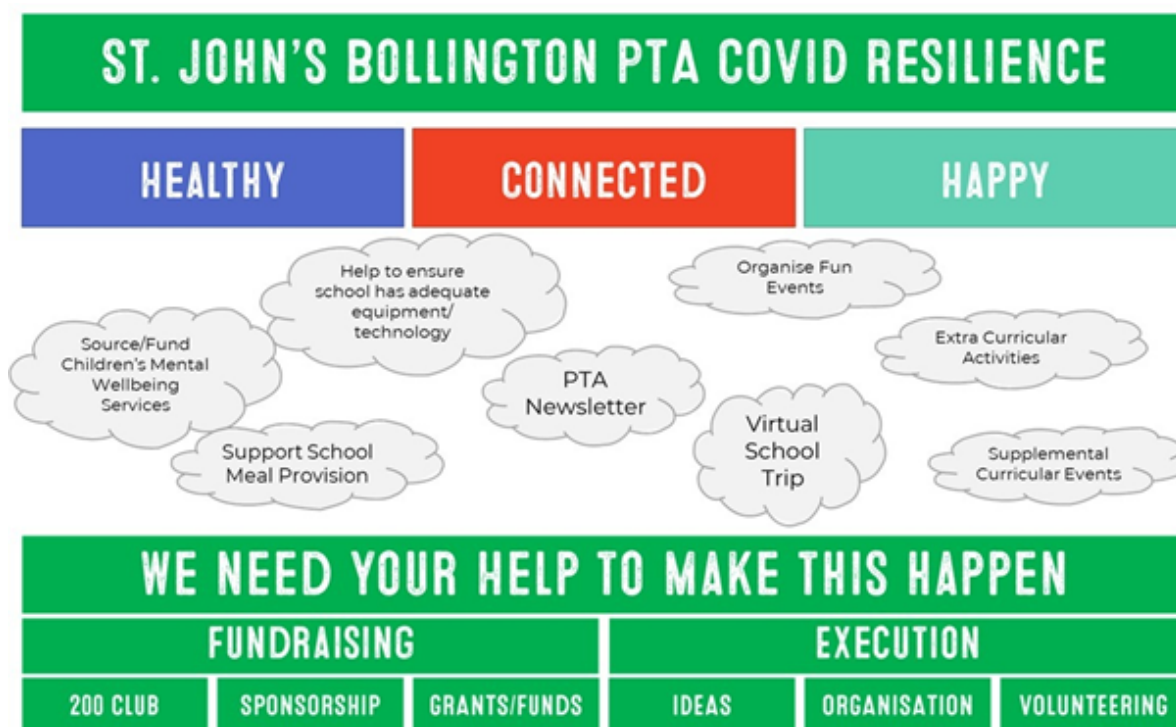


We want everything the PTA does to feed into helping our children and our school community staying healthy, connected and happy. Together we can weather this pandemic and come out the other side stronger than ever.

HEALTHY: Getting our children moving with fun activities; funding equipment to encourage them to spend time outside to maximise Vitamin D; feeding them nutritious food: all of these will boost their immune systems and help them fight off illnesses such as Covid 19.

CONNECTED: In these times of social distancing, home schooling and virtual learning, the importance of the school's technology capability cannot be understated. The PTA can fund targeted IT resources for the school, so our children can learn how to use the technology and be ready to stay connected whenever distance learning is required. Similarly, connecting with shared experiences like PTA fundraisers can help us feel connected while apart.

HAPPY: We hope that staying healthy and connected will be a good start to ensuring happiness. But we also want to strive to ensure there is still fun to be had despite all the coronavirus doom and gloom, with fun fundraising events, virtual school trips and helping to fun extra-curricular activities!



A BIG THANKYOU TO: MRS WALKER, ALL OF THE TEACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF IN HELPING OUR CHILDREN SETTLE BACK INTO SCHOOL IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. A SPECIAL THANKYOU ALSO GOES TO CLAIRE TOOLAN FOR COOKING A DELICIOUS AND NUTRITIOUS HOT MEAL IN SEPTEMBER.

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

PTA 200 CLUB

A private, quarterly drawn lottery open to 200 members - parents, grandparents, staff. Sign up here - <https://forms.gle/zRUNPb3AkuVuvB8g8>
Amazing value at only **£13** per annum.

FUNDRAISING VIA ONLINE SHOPPING

By signing up to [Amazon Smile](#), [Easyfundraising](#) and/or [The Giving Machine](#) you can turn your online shopping into free donations.

MATCH FUNDING

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

CLOTHING DONATIONS

Stick your unwanted clothes in the giant clothing recycling bin outside reception, we get paid by the kilo for all donations.

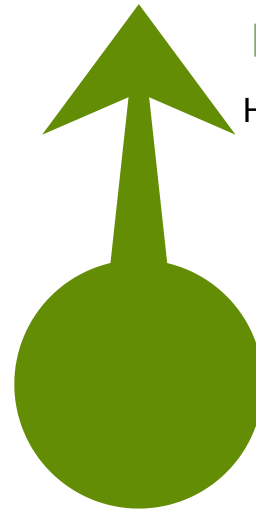
OR JUST GET INVOLVED

Email - stjohnsbollingtonPTA@gmail.com

Following our COVID resilience plan our current purchasing needs centre upon being able to teach ICT more consistently throughout the school, unfortunately this is very costly and we hope to tackle all of the avenues available in raising money in these unprecedented times.

Thankyou to all for your ongoing support, its going to be a tough year for fundraising but we will try our hardest to show COVID 'who is boss'.

Your 2020 PTA committee



MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!

HELP US RAISE £2000
THIS YEAR

TOTAL IN THE BANK
(SEPTEMBER 2020)
£6689



ZOOM!!!!!!!

into our next meeting on the

**Friday
16th**

November @ 8PM!

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE