



Worplesdon Primary PTA September Edition

Message from the PTA Chair

Hello! My name is Michelle Nichols and I am so excited to introduce myself as the new Worplesdon Primary School PTA Chair, and Karen Harris as the new PTA Treasurer.

I would like to start off by thanking the previous Chair and Treasurer, Sarah Crush and Rachel Banfield respectively for their hard work and dedication over the years, you both did an amazing job! Thank you to all who attended the AGM.

I would like to welcome all the new parents and teachers to our amazing team. We as a PTA have so many wonderful ideas and hope to have a successful year of fundraising, but we can only do it as a team with your support too.

As many hands make light work, we ask that two people from each class become class reps. Your role is to liaise with your class on upcoming events with reminders via a class WhatsApp group if one is running and the year group Facebook page. Gather volunteers for events and be able to signpost your class members to answers for any questions they may have relating to the PTA.

Thank you to all the people who have volunteered so far, as you can see from the list on the right-hand side of this sheet there are lots of vacancies. This is a very easy role to do, so if you would like to volunteer, please get in touch! (worplesdonprimarypta@gmail.com)

Class representatives

Swallows: Katherine /

Swifts: Negali /

Blackbirds: Katrina /

Finches: Lynsey / Robyne

Doves:

Larks: Claire / Karen

Magpies: Claire /

Sparrows:

Starlings: Jo / Vicky

Kingfishers: Jenny / Rachel

Nightingales:

Woodpeckers: Sarah

Owls:

Robins:

Jackdaws:

Jays:

Wrens:

Kestrels:

Ongoing Events

Amazon Smile – Please sign up

Uniform Shop – each item of clothing is £1.

Guildford community lottery – Please sign up

Upcoming Events

Happy School Bags: 21st September @ DROP OFF

WPS Kids sponsored run: TBC

Luxury Hamper Raffle: TBC

Christmas Cards: TBC

Aladdin Pantomime: TBC

Christmas Trail: TBC

Uniform Sales

We are looking for someone to look after the uniform shop. This involves making sure they are kept neat, and going through the donations and sort them out.

Uniform is in the PAC room!

Contact Info

Email: worplesdonprimarypta@gmail.com

Or like us on Facebook @worplesdonPTA





Worplesdon Primary PTA AGM & Planning Minutes

Thursday 16th September 2021 @ 7:30pm

Welcome: Covid-19 & introductions

Thank you to all those who came along to the AGM. The meeting was attended by 18 people including the PTA Chair (Sarah Crush), PTA Treasurer (Rachel Banfield), Trustee (Jenny Monro) and our teacher chair, Miss Bennett.

Covid-19 procedures were followed as per the joining instructions and attendees' details were taken for track and trace purposes if necessary.

AGM: Committee elections and Class Reps nominations

The following roles were reviewed, elected and confirmed as per our constitution requirements. Sarah Crush and Rachel Banfield resigned from the

roles of Chair and Treasurer respectively.

The formal committee of The Friends of Worplesdon School (reg. charity 1087830) moving forward is as follows:

Chair: Michelle Nichols

Treasurer: Karen Harris

Trustee: Jenny Monro

The PTA will continue to operate on a project basis with each event / activity being managed by a group of volunteers. This spreads the load of work across our community and allows for lots of different people to get involved with fundraising throughout the year!

Class rep nominations are being sought currently with some volunteers during the meeting. A full list of reps and gaps is on the newsletter.

Financial Report

Rachel gave a full breakdown of the funds raised during the course of the last academic year.

Summary details are as follows:

Governors & Pupil marathon	£3,745
Halloween Sweets	£140
Happy bags	£672
Xmas cards	£466
Xmas raffle	£2,218
Santas helper	£757
Smarties	£1,364
Frozen Fridays	£100est
Lottery	£600
Amazon Smile	tbc
Uniform	tbc
Grants	£1,218

Targets for fundraising 2021/2022

We will be focusing our efforts on raising funds for trim trail equipment for the junior playground in line with the previous terms target.

Autumn term activities:

Happy School Bags: 21st September at DROP OFF. A textile collection was held. Sarah Crush is co-ordinating with support from Katrina Tidey and Rachel Banfield.

WPS kids sponsored run event: This activity will take place in school time, with Mr Dijali organising the year group runs. Karen Pointer and Claire Mitchell will co-ordinate sponsorship forms and parent communication.

Christmas 2021: The Christmas Fair will not go ahead once again this year due to Covid-19 impacts, however, we are still running a few festive themed activities which were discussed during the meeting as follows:

Pupil Xmas artwork: Cards, mugs etc will be available for purchase. This will follow the same online ordering system as last year. Full details will be sent out together with your child's artwork ahead of half term. Katrina Tidey will be co-ordinating this project.

Luxury Christmas Hamper Raffle: A Christmas hamper raffle will be held as this can be managed in a contactless / socially distanced manner. A mufti day will be held early November to gather donations for the Hampers, more details on themes and items will follow. Karen Harris, Helen Heather and Becki Ward will co-ordinate this activity.

Christmas Pantomime: An online pantomime for all the children to enjoy during a mufti day in December, along with home links for families isolating. Exact details tbc following school and PTA liaison. Michelle Nichols will co-ordinate this event.

Christmas Trail: The possibility of doing a Christmas trail around the Fairlands Estate with lights and stalls was discussed, with trail sheets and potentially prizes. Karen Harris, Becky Ward and Jenny Monro will co-ordinate this but further volunteers will be needed – please do get in touch if you can spare sometime.

Spring Term Activities:

Cricketers pub Quiz Night: Andy Ritchie runs a monthly charity pub quiz at the Cricketers, the PTA will be the selected charity on Friday 4th February.

Break the rules day: A mufti focused day, details tbc, Michelle Nichols will co-ordinate this activity.

Virtual Balloon Race: An online activity. Purchase a virtual balloon and see how far it gets with live weather tracking used to determine the winner.

20/20 Challenge: This takes place over half term, it is a sponsored event for pupils which encourages them to take part in '20' activities.

Other ideas for activities – subject to volunteer availability:

Spring / summer Fair: details and timings tbc subject to covid-19 impact, outside event.

Tea Towels: Company to be identified and timings tbc, likely to be end of year.

Inflatable afternoon: A ticketed event with an afternoon of fun inflatables on the field.

Ongoing Themed Sales: Similar to frozen Friday, a seasonal item to be made available for sale at selected times.

Ongoing Activities:

Uniforms: Second hand uniforms – we urgently need a volunteer to look after this this year.

Easy fundraising: We discussed the need to further promote this and gain extra regular supporters – it is literally free funds for the school with very little effort.

Guildford Community Lottery: This again we discussed the need for further promotion to gain ticket sign ups. Again, this is a low effort way of fundraising.

Any Other Business:

Thanks were expressed to all who attended, volunteered and supported the PTA.

