



Thank you!

Thank you for your involvement in our fundraising efforts! We have raised:

- Panto tickets £136
- Bags2School over £72.

This Christmas season, we have a lot of fantastic events planned for the children and even the adults. So make sure you have us booked into your diaries.

We also have several events planned for 2020 and welcome your help and ideas. Please get involved with the PTA - We will be having a general meeting in January, along with some planning meetings for the Quiz night and other upcoming events.

Teacher End of Term Collection

Every year at the end of the Christmas and summer term the PTA organise a combined collection from all of the parents for the teachers as a thank-you gift. They use the money to go out for dinner together, for a well-earned night out!

You will receive a small envelope for you to anonymously donate as much as you would like to, should you wish to contribute. A member of the PTA will be around to collect these during pick up time from Tuesday 10th December until

Wednesday 18th December. They will also have a Christmas card that all of the parents are welcome to sign from us to the staff. We will give them their gift after the kids Christmas party on Thursday 19th December.

Any contribution you can afford is appreciated and all the money collected goes directly to the teachers.



Upcoming Christmas Festivities

Preschool Nativity Wednesday 18th December in the church at 10.30am.

Everyone is welcome to come along, watch and sing; mums, dads, grandmas, grandads, aunties and uncles. The doors of the church will be open from 10.00am. Pick up will be at 12.00pm that day. Please note - there will be **NO** afternoon session

Children's Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas party is **Thursday 19th December**. All children are welcome to join us. Drop off will be at **10.00am**.

The PTA has invited Mr. Banana Head again to entertain the children during the party. This was a hit last year and is sure to be again.



Christmas Coffee Morning Fundraiser On the day of the Children's party (**Thursday 18th**),

the PTA will be selling coffee, tea, mince pies, and hosting a raffle in the Rainbow Room. The staff is also inviting parents to come at 11:45 to be with your children when the special visitor (Father Christmas) arrives so we would like you to come back to Preschool to be with them. Please note - There will be **NO** afternoon session.

The PTA invites you to our Christmas Coffee Morning

Drop by between 10am-12pm
19th December



During the Children's Christmas Party we invite parents and carers to join us for a coffee & mince pie fundraiser in Rainbow Room.



URC Church Christmas Invitation

Sign-up sheets have been posted

URC Nativity Service 15 December

10:30am The church has invited the 8th Harpenden Guides and Brownies to present 'Children of the World' and would like the preschool children join them in singing a few songs. This will give parents a preview of the children's hard work for the Preschool Nativity on 18th December. This is a great opportunity for family members who won't be able to attend the Preschool Nativity during the week to see your child sing the songs they are practicing.

Candlelight & Carols Service 22

December 6pm The Church has also invited the children to sing a song or two while the Christingles are being passed out. This is a very lovely service and another opportunity to see your children perform the songs they are practicing for their school for the Nativity. Plus mulled wine and mince pies!

Voluntary Contribution

The PTA has received questions regarding voluntary contributions. Voluntary contributions are an extremely vital resource for the running of the Preschool. The government's 15-hour funding for 3 to 4-year-olds only covers half of the funding needed for each child. To overcome this, the PTA assists via voluntary contributions, along with many other fundraising efforts during the school terms.

The PTA's goal is to support our staff, fundraise to help improve URC equipment and facilities, and to continue to make URC an outstanding place for our children. We ask families to contribute £4 per session, to help secure the future of our Preschool. Voluntary contribution funds have been used to renew staff first aid training, purchase new tablets for the staff, new staff uniforms and for the nursery's contribution towards the artificial grass in the garden.

2020 Diary Dates

PTA Meeting Monday 13 January at 8pm in URC Hall Meeting Room 1 (across from Red Group). All are welcome to join. Planning: Quiz Night, Summer Fete, and 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Quiz Night 21 March 2020 Our Annual Quiz night is always a lot of fun with our Quiz Master Phil Valle, Fish & Chips from Godfreys, and of course drinks! This is going to be a really fun night, so start recruiting your team, and booking your babysitters!

Wesley's Coffee Morning 23 May 2020

Come have coffee at Wesley's Cafe located in the High Street Methodist Church. URC Preschool & Nursery will be running the cafe and having a cake sale to raise funds for the Preschool.

TBC Keep an eye out for more information on our participation in the Oval Fun Run, and our Summer Open Day/Fete!

URC Preschool PTA has a closed Facebook group, just for the parents and carers. It would be great if everyone could join the page. We post important and notices on there.



facebook.com/groups/urcpreschoolpta/

Easy Fundraising

Please sign up for the Easy Fundraising. With the holidays just around the corner, this easy and free Add-On in your Browser or app on your phone will donate money to URC just by shopping at your favourite participating stores!

easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/urcharpendenpta

