

URC Preschool & Nursery PTA Newsletter Autumn 2019

Introducing the New PTA Chair

Hi! I'm Laura Ramirez-Mann, aka Evie from Red Group's mom. I'm so excited to be the new chair. I love URC Preschool and I really enjoy working with the parents, the PTA members and staff. We have so many great ideas this year and are already working very hard! Please feel free to join our team. We welcome your ideas, skills and any time you are able to contribute. Our next meeting will be after the Christmas Holidays. We are grateful for any support you can provide at events and throughout the year.

Vice Treasurer Vacancy

The PTA Vice Treasurer will assist Mackenzie this academic year, and then take over as treasurer for the 2020/21 academic year. If you are interested in this position, please talk to Laura, Mackenzie or Mrs. Robinson.

Open Day & Garden Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Through the generosity of funds by the Harpenden Trust, the church and the PTA, the preschool now has artificial grass. The grand opening was a huge success as past, present, and prospective families came to celebrate with a cake sale, face painting and more!

Having AstroTurf in the garden will mean outdoor playtime can continue year-round, unhampered by wet weather and muddy boots. It also creates a fun, beautiful landscape for the children's imaginations to run wild.

The PTA wants to thank all the families who donated cakes, who donated time and who stopped by. We raised £225.75! Also Keep an eye out for an article by Katie Robinson in the Herts Ads!

DISCOUNTED PANTO TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEK ONLY!

This year Harpenden Public Halls are putting on the "spellbinding festive family pantomime" Beauty and the Beast and the URC PTA are offering discounted tickets!

We have organized a Panto Ticket Fundraiser for URC Preschool. We will be selling tickets for £10 each, (which is a £4 saving on the adult price) with the added bonus that £4 from every ticket will go the preschool. **Win, win!**

*Under 3s can sit on your lap at a cost of £5. Children around 12 months and under are free.

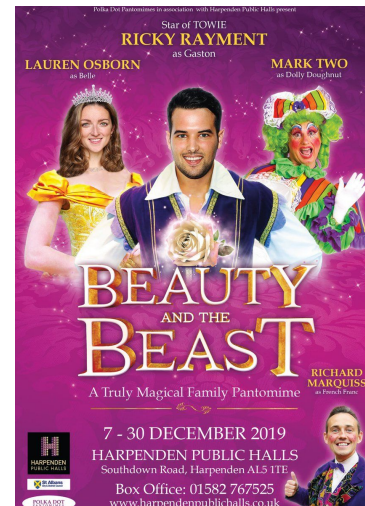
Tickets are for the post Christmas performances:

Dec 27 2.30pm

Dec 28 2.30pm and 6pm

Dec 29 2.30pm and 6pm

Dec 30 2.30pm



There will be a sign up sheet at preschool but you can also message me here with the following details:

- Name
- Number of tickets (specifying where any children will be sitting on laps)
- Date and time of performance

Claire Saunders will be collecting the ticket monies on Wednesday, 23 October and Thursday, 24 October at drop off.

URC PTA is a registered charity (registered charity number 1178895) and supports URC Preschool and Nursery through fundraising events

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THIS WEEK: BAG2SCHOOL

Clothing & Textile Drive

We are organising a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School to raise funds. As well as raising vitally needed funds for URC Preschool it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. Please sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided.

This is what you can fill your bags with -

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Hats, Handbags and Bags
- Jewellery, Scarves and ties
- Lingerie and Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen, curtains, and towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Fill as many bags as you want - the more the better! If you fill the donation bag, and have more you can use any other bag to donate your items. Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from URC on Thursday 24th October. Please bring your bags into school FROM NOW ONWARDS and help us have a really good collection. Pass them to Mrs Robinson and we will store them at the pre-school. Please spread the word amongst your family and friends.



Join the PTA Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/groups/urcpreschoolpta/

Bespoke Christmas Card Fundraiser

The children are making bespoke Christmas Cards. They are very sweet and will be a great way to wish your family and friends Seasons Greetings!

The children have been making cards at school, and you will be getting information soon on how to view and order your child's cards.

A pack of 9 cards for £6.50, raises £1.50 for URC. Adding your child's photo on the back of the card, will raise £2 per pack.

www.kidscards4christmas.com

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 favorite participating stores! easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/urcharpendenpta



Please Mark Your Diaries!

Children's Christmas Party 19 December 2019

This will take place during preschool hours for all of our children (*more information to come*).

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.

To Be Confirmed

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