

PTA Winter Newsletter – January 2017

Happy New Year!

A very warm welcome to all new families joining us this term. We hope you have had a lovely Christmas and are settled back into the Preschool routine.

Fundraising

Thank you for all the support that was given to our Autumn Family Party event last term. It was lots of fun and a great success raising £520.

Our Easyfundraising Christmas Campaign raised a further £220, so thank you to all those that shopped so enthusiastically via the easyfundraising site. For every pound you spent our preschool benefitted.

We also raised £130 from our Christmas Tree partnership.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

This term we have two events that we'd love you to come along to and/or support.

Quiz Night – Saturday 25th February

We have a great evening planned, as well as a fantastic Quiz Master, there is fish & chips from Godfreys. Please bring along your own drinks! Teams will be between 6-8 people. All family and friends outside of Preschool are also welcome, so you can either put your own table together or the PTA will be helping to group us into teams. Tickets are £12 and will be on sale soon!

5k Charity Fun Run, Sunday 5th March

We'd love to get as many parents/family members involved as possible. You can run, jog or walk around the course and at only 5k it's an achievable distance for all ages and abilities. We will be going round in a buddy system so no one will be left on their own, unless you prefer some 'me time'. If you're interested in joining us on the run, please sign up at <http://www.mkrun.co.uk>.

Or if you're unable to join us on the day, please support us by donating to: <https://mydonate.bt.com/teams/urcfunrun>, all sponsorship gratefully received!

Fundraising Contributions

Our main source of money comes from the voluntary contributions that parents make the term after their child turns three. Unfortunately the money provided by the Government for 3 to 4 year olds entitled to 15 hours nursery education a week, falls way short of what is needed to run the Preschool at the outstanding level it currently achieves. In fact, Preschool only receives around 50% of the funding needed for each child. Therefore, when the PTA was set up the idea of a voluntary contribution was conceived to help fix this shortfall. We are asking parents to pay £4 per session, little more than the cost of a coffee! Please make sure you provide these vital contributions, we really do need them (you will receive a letter each term) and don't forget to fill in the Gift Aid form so we can make your contributions stretch that bit further.

Other Ways To Support Your PTA From The Comfort Of Your Home

Easyfundraising

Do you shop online? If so, please consider using easyfundraising and register using the link <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/urcharpendenpta>, there's absolutely no cost to you, but URC will receive a % of the value of your purchases whenever you shop through this site. There are some great shops registered including Amazon, John Lewis, Waitrose, Boots, M&S, Boden and many more!

Yellow Moon

This is a great website for arts & crafts, party supplies, baking products and small gifts at a reasonable price. Whats more, URC recives 20% cashback on every purchase. To order visit www.yellowmoon.org.uk, or call or post. Please don't forget to use our code SUN10107.

Keeping in touch

To keep up to date on our news and events please join our facebook page – just search URC Preschool PTA Harpenden and you should find us. This is also an easy way to ask any questions or to receive useful reminders!

Please also see the PTA notice board (above the children's pegs) for information.

PTA Committee

If you are also interested in joining us or would like to help out at any of our fundraisers please let us know or speak to Mrs Miles.

PTA Dates For Your Diary

- Quiz Night, Saturday 25th February
- 5k Fun Run, Sunday 5th March
- Farmers Market Charity Stall, Sunday 23rd April
- Pamper & Prosecco Evening – Wednesday 17th May
- Wesley's Café Takeover – Saturday 10th June
- Coffee Morning, this term: Thursday 26th January, Tuesday 28th February.

Jo Sim
PTA Chair