



ESPS PTA WINTER TERM 2017

NEWSLETTER

As the first term of the academic year draws to a close we're delighted to report that the building programme is now complete. Our children have their playground space back, wonderful new classrooms and our new hall is amazing with space to accommodate the whole school.

We'd like to express our sincere thanks to the Headship Team and all those involved in managing this project. We appreciate the hard work involved plus the complexity of the logistics undertaken in managing a building site and running a school at the same time. You have done a fabulous job and we look forward to the Spring Term and enjoying our new facilities. We were delighted that Thomas Sinden's site manager said that we are the nicest school he has ever worked in.



PTA AGM

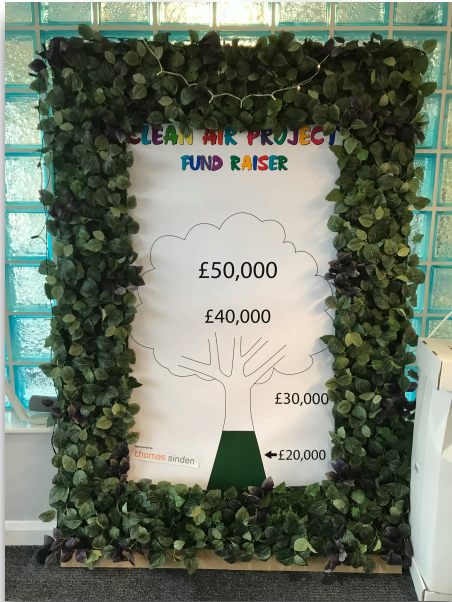
There was a fantastic turn out at the AGM on 21st November, thank you to those who attended. Your new PTA committee was voted in as Co-Chairs: Margie Payne and Louisa Platt, Treasurer: Tracey Grove, Class Rep Co-ordinations: Hetty Dawson and Melanie Edwards, Secretary: Patricia O'Rorke, Clean Air Team: Hero Preston, Other Officer(s): Liz Helstrom, Sabrina Bulloch, Jess Ward, Jane Ouvaroff, Jessica Oliver and Alison Scott and Teacher Representative: Dawn Clacher. Liz Page remains President as does Fenella Broster, Auditor

We'd like to thank Katie Durling, Lorna Campbell, Ali Morris, Susannah Anderson, Jo Farmer, Jo Schuberth and the outgoing committee for all their hard work. We very much look forward to our new roles, working together and closely with the extended ESPS community to continue the success of the PTA.



A 'GREEN WALL' IS ON THE WAY

At the AGM it was agreed that the PTA would support our vision for a greener & cleaner school, by fundraising towards building a green wall as a pollution barrier against the heavy traffic of the Upper Richmond road. The initiative will cost approximately £50,000.



There is a super fundraising barometer in Reception which you may have already seen, we hope to keep working our way through to the top of the tree!

The green screen is made up of ready planted Ivy supplied in planters. It has

been implemented in several schools already with great success, reducing particulate pollutants by as much as 40%. We are excited by the idea of protecting our children whilst they play in the front play grounds, as well as the school front looking much greener and smarter

We are also looking at other sources of funding by applying for grants, and recently had an audit by the Mayor of London Clean Air team, which we hope will help us in our efforts to secure funding from other sources.

In addition to the Green Wall, the toilet refurbishment will go ahead and we would like to raise funds for improving the outdoor space and appearance of the school, by making good the Sheen playground following the build, investing in new early years playground equipment, replanting the green spaces and providing canopies for shade and outdoor learning. A safer access to the school with a new entrance is also on the wish list.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2017

With the reduced space and much deliberation over whether to hold the event, we took the plunge and in true ESPS spirit we all pulled together and made the 2017 Christmas Bazaar an amazing success.

Opening with the KS2 choir we were all fully in the Christmas spirit. Every bit of available space was utilised. From the grotto to the tombola, the teas and cake stall to the staff manned bar and the delicious lunches a truly fabulous day was had by all.



We could not have done it without all of your hard work and much appreciated time and effort, so a huge thank you to all parents, staff, children and local businesses for making the 2017 Christmas Bazaar a day to remember. Together we raised an amazing **£13,500** for the school. Of this the incredible Silent Auction raised **£4,450**. An excellent effort from our Reception Team, well done.



FINANCIAL UPDATE . . .

We have had a fantastic start to fundraising this school year and as discussed at the AGM the main focus for fundraising will be the toilets, green wall and the external spaces of the school. Due to the building works, most projects have been on hold and we are pleased to announce we are now in the position to start making the changes you have requested.

FUNDS RAISED

Balance in Bank @ 29th November. **£ 94,006**

Christmas Bazaar 2017 £ 13,500

Northbrook Wrapping Paper £ 208

APPROVED FUNDING REQUESTS

Toilets £ 50,000

Green Wall £ 50,000

Improve the Sheen Playground £ 5,000

Early Years playground equipment £ 5,000

New PTA Store £1,000

New classroom courtyard canopy £ 8,000

The Clean Air Team will look at the external gardens and provide a quote in due course. In the meantime they would welcome any suggestions for good planting ideas at cleanairparents@gmail.com.

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

With Christmas fast approaching please remember to help the school as you shop and use easyfundraising.com. We have raised £2,213 so far so it's definitely worth taking the time. Don't forget all our other [cash back schemes](#) too.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all pupils, staff and parents at ESPS.
Enjoy the festive season.

SPRING TERM EVENTS...

SAVE THE DATE – “GREEN” PARTY

Save **Friday 2nd February** for the ESPS PTA “Green” Party. To celebrate our new school facilities we're throwing a party. It's sure to be a night to remember, so put the date in your diaries.

ESPS PTA FAMILY FUN RUN

Save the date for the annual ESPS fun run. This year it will take place on the afternoon of **Saturday 24th March**. Now in its 5th year this great fundraising event keeps growing. There will be a 1.5km and a 5km route so the whole school can take part.

ESPS TEAM PHOENIX – TOUGH MUDDER

Calling all bold adventurers, get involved in our muddiest (and most fun) challenge yet! It's not too late to join Team Phoenix, a 70+ strong team of parents, teachers and pupils, in the fantastically fun **Tough Mudder** obstacle course on **Saturday 28th April**. Whether you're up for the ultimate test with the full Tough Mudder, or prefer to take it a (little) bit easier with the Half Mudder, we guarantee an awesome challenge like no other! The kids can get involved too in the Mini Mudder event. Set yourself a goal for the New Year, get fit and raise all-important funds for our fantastic school! Registration forms can be picked up from the school office. If you don't fancy joining the team, please show your support by sponsoring our intrepid team [here](#).

More details on the Spring Term forthcoming events to follow in the new year.

The PTA warmly welcomes new fundraising ideas and is always looking for more people to join the team. If you would like to get involved or share your thoughts, please contact us at louisamargiepta@yahoo.com.