



Welcome back to the Autumn term and a huge welcome to all new parents arriving into the new look Reception block. The 2013/14 year was a very productive one. We raised £38,000 from all of our fundraising which is a monumental effort. The majority of that went straight back out of the door again – as it should with any self-respecting charity! As a result of this fundraising we were able to pay the final balance for the new Music Lodge which had been our long term fundraising target. However, we also invested in a number of other smaller items including professional cookery lessons for years 5 and 6 (year 5 parents, you're in for a treat!). The full list of items is detailed overleaf. Here's to a great Autumn term. Check out what needs to go in the diary and, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

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## NEWS DIGEST

### PTA AGM

**TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER, 8pm**

The PTA AGM will take place at 8pm on the 11th November in the School Hall. This is your chance to understand our financial position including how we have spent your money in the last year. It is also an opportunity to make your own suggestions regarding what you think we should be spending money on in the next few years. Any large items (over £5k), require an AGM vote. We need your opinion so please bring it with you on 11th November.

All parents are also warmly welcomed to any PTA committee meeting. You do not have to be a member to attend. The constitution restricts votes outside of an AGM to committee members but opinion outside of the committee is always welcome and taken into account. The dates for the committee meetings are **Tuesday 13th January** and **Tuesday 5th May 2015**.

It can be difficult to get out reminders for these dates as they are just after a holiday so please put them in your diary now!

### Gift Aid

Thanks to all of those who have filled out Gift Aid forms. We submitted our first claim to HMRC following the fun run and we received £405 back from them. Thanks Sarah for filling out the claim form. Please ensure that you fill out a Gift Aid form and return it to the PTA tray to allow us to claim for future events.

### Find My Sport

44 ESPS children attended the first **Find My Sport** at Shene Sports & Fitness Centre in July. A big thank you to them all. You raised £44 for the PTA!



### Bellini's Pizza



Don't forget to keep getting your pizza from **Bellini's**. Keep hold of the receipts and get them stamped at Bellini's as you pay your bill. Every stamped receipt earns 5% for the PTA. In just six months we've raised £94.43.

### In the market for a new car?



**Now Vauxhall** in Kingston are offering £50 to the PTA for every Vauxhall car bought from their dealership. Please speak to Ali Boukrouh on 020 8410 6600.

### Get out your shooting boots!

There are plans afoot to organise some football matches between ladies teams from local primaries. There is already an established mens league. If you fancy trailblazing for the ESPS Ladies Football Team get in touch with **Michele** or **Sarah**. Kew Riverside await!

### Easy fundraising [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)

Don't forget to click through the [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) website when you do your online shopping to raise money for the PTA. Set it up now as one of your favourites – it's the only way to remember!

## Christmas is a'coming... no really, it is!

Need cards and wrapping paper for Christmas? Buy it via **Northbrook Trading** and **Phoenix Cards** and East Sheen make money from everything that you buy. I know that it just feels plain wrong to be thinking about Christmas now but the forms will be out just before half term. Just submit to the inevitable...

## Also on the Christmas theme... Christmas trees

**Richmond Park Academy** are working with a group of their students to teach them about running a business. They are planning to sell Christmas trees at ESPS. The PTA will receive a percentage of the proceeds. We'll keep you posted on the dates when they will be for sale.

## Recruitment drive!

So many of you contribute to school in a myriad of ways. Thank you. The PTA now have a specific request which we hope you'll be able to help with:

### ONLINE AUCTION MANAGEMENT

Our Silent Auctions are online for both school fairs and the Great Ball of Fire. The current webmaster and project manager is leaving the school this year (thank you Tim!) so we need someone to take on the project and make our auctions even more tech friendly! If you think you can help please contact **Sarah** or **Michele**.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

There are already let of plans in place for the school year. So, don't miss out - get these in your diary now.

### The Phoenix Party SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER, STAR & GARTER, PUTNEY

A night for dancing shoes and cocktails. Tickets will go on sale by the end of September but are limited to 100. Start planning your dancing troupe, fill in the booking form sent out on ParentMail and get it back to the office to guarantee your place on the dancefloor.

### The Christmas Bazaar incorporating the Christmas Market SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER

We'll be announcing the stall allocation soon so, class reps, be ready for action. Don't feel over-restricted by the aide memoirs; they are there for guidance only. If you can think of a better way to raise money or increase the fun element we're all ears.

The **Christmas Market** was new last year and had some fantastic stalls. A decent amount of my Christmas Shopping happened there! If you would be interested in having a stall, or know someone else who may be please contact **Karen Crump** at [karencrumppt@gmail.com](mailto:karencrumppt@gmail.com)

## The Great Ball of Fire SATURDAY 25th APRIL, THE HURLINGHAM CLUB

This year we are very lucky to have the Hurlingham Club as our hosts. **The Great Ball of Fire** only happens once every two years but does make a huge contribution to our fundraising. The centenary ball in 2013 raised £24k. That may be an ambitious target for 2015 but if you think you can help with auction lots then please get in touch. Holiday homes, sports experiences, original artwork? What contacts have you got that we can mercilessly exploit?! Please contact **Sarah** at [minimounty@gmail.com](mailto:minimounty@gmail.com) with your ideas. Also, if you are interested in being part of the event team please get in touch, the more the merrier!



## The SCL Football Tournament MAY/JUNE 2015

We haven't finalised a date for this yet but will soon. This is always a fantastic event and we want even more of you to enjoy it. So, keep it in the back of your minds for next year. Let's go for a record number of teams.

### Summer Fair SUNDAY 28th JUNE 2015

You'll be pleased to know we have nothing to say about this yet! Just get the day in your diary.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### What did we buy last year?

Here's the full list of what we spent our money on and our position going into the new academic year:

Music lodge	£40,650
IT Tablets	£8,187
Egg & Soldiers cookery lessons	£3,946
Climbing frame	£2,246
Headteacher's fund	£1,500
Whiteboard benches	£600
Coffee percolator	£156
Garden watering system	£155
Pans for Chef Wil	£154
Other general expenditure	£820

Brought forward £31,000  
Total income £39,000  
Spend £58,000  
Carried forward  
£12,000