



St Aidan's PTA Newsletter

January 2018



Happy New Year

We hope you have all had a good festive season. The PTA has a few events planned for this half term including a bring and buy sale, another film night, cash for coins and the family photos shoot. More information to follow.

Nicky (Secretary) & Frances (Treasurer)

Please get in touch:

- Come to one of our meetings
- Grab us for a chat.
- You can join our new volunteer group on Facebook - [St Aidan's PTA – Volunteers](#)
- email us at pta@saintaidans.org.uk



PTA Website

St Aidan's PTA has its own website. On here you can find out about our fundraising activities including cash for coins and easy fundraising, check dates of meetings and events and even read the minutes of meetings to find out what we are up to.



PTA meeting – Wed 16th January 6.30pm at school
Bring and buy sale – TBC
Film night – 9th February
Photo-shoot – 3rd/4th February
Social event – 17th March

To make it easier - you can add dates to your electronic diary through the calendar on our website www.ptastaidans.co.uk.

Textile recycling



Thanks to all those who have brought in old clothes. We have raised over £150 last term so lets keep going. The **BLUE** bin is situated outside the side entrance to school. Please keep bringing any used clothes to recycle.



Remember we cannot accept uniform towels or bedding or stuffed toys but any other clothes; shoes, bags and belts are welcome.



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Co-op Community Fund



We told you last term we had been lucky enough to secure funding from the Co-op Local Community Fund.

We put in a bid to raise money for outdoor musical instruments to compliment all the ongoing improvements in the outdoor areas at school.

Many of you have made the school PTA your chosen charity but we need more of you to join in - the more support we get, the more funding we will receive. So, if you're a Co-op Member, log in to your Co-op Membership account (you can create an online account if you haven't already with just your card number) **and choose us**. If you're not a member, please join and support us!

Please visit <http://www.coop.co.uk/membership/> for more information and to sign up to help us today.

For the next 12 months (until 27th October) not only does 1% of what you spend on selected own-brand products and services go to the fund and ultimately to the PTA but for as long as you are a member 5% goes into your account for you to spend on Co-op products and services as you wish. **Remember this is at no cost to you!**

This is a brilliant opportunity for us so please, please support us and spread the word!

When you spend money on co-op own-brand products you will be able to see how much you have raised for yourself and us on your receipt. A running total for the whole cause and your contribution is available on the website

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Internet Shopping



If you are planning on shopping online then this would be a good time to register with easy Fundraising and raise extra money for school.

Remember this is at no cost to you! You can register by clicking on the shop button on our Facebook page or using this link.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/staidansfirstschool/>

Pre-loved Games

School are still looking for pre-loved games particularly aimed at key stage 2 but any age would be appreciated. If your kids have out grown any board games such as ludo, scrabble, draughts, junior monopoly, connect 4 or anything else you might have then please bring them along to school.



Events in January & February



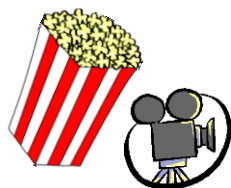
We are having a Bring and Buy sale - date to be confirmed. Please save any clothes including pre-loved uniform, shoes and coats, any games, duplicate Christmas presents or anything else you would like to bring. We will be sending out more information soon.



We will be starting a "cash for coins" competition this term. You can help raise money by simply sorting out any old unwanted British and foreign notes and coins. Each class will have a special collection jar in their class for their coins and notes. The class that raises the most money will win a prize so hold onto any foreign currency for this.



On the 3rd and 4th of February Purple cow will be holding a family photo shoot at school. You will have the opportunity to book a free no obligation slot to have photos taken. We have had really positive feedback and lots of repeat customers too. You should have received an email letter about this. Great idea for Mother's day gifts.



Film night 9th February at 3.30pm (straight after school). More details to follow