

SJP PTA NEWSLETTER



OCT 2023

Bag2School: Keep sorting your unwanted clothes/shoes for the next collection on **Fri 17 Nov**. You can leave bags in the ECO HUB Bag2School bins anytime!

Preloved Uniform: Leave in the PTA Dropbox (school foyer) or Preloved Uniform bin (Eco Hub). See SJP PTA (Facebook) Preloved Uniform post or email us for preloved uniform requests. Look out for pop-up sales!

ECO HUB: #KeepOnRecycling your clothes, stamps, and greeting cards (far right of school).

Easy Fundraising: Register on the app/website, select 'St James' Primary PTA - Cheltenham', shop online and raise money for the PTA at no cost to you. Download the Donation Reminder!

SJP PTA Selling Group: Join our friendly Facebook selling group. Convenient handovers at the gate and bargains to be had! Feel free to make the occasional cash donation from sales to the PTA Postbox.

Match fund/Benevity via your workplace!

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Welcome to the second monthly PTA Newsletter of the school year. We hope our new Reception families are all settling in! Read on to find out about upcoming PTA events, activities and fundraising.

Full details about all the below can be found on SJP PTA Facebook or the PTA website.

Wed 11 Oct – CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING

Join us tonight from 7.30-9.30pm at Moran's Eating House on Bath Road. We will be planning all things Christmas Fair, which is on Fri 1 Dec. Please come along and get involved!

Fri 13 Oct – MONSTER DISCOS

4.30-6pm – Set Up

6-7.15pm – Infant Disco (Rec-Y2)

7.30-8.45pm – Junior Disco (Y3-6)

8.45-9.45pm – Clear Up

Book a space on the PTA website pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta by Fri 2pm. Then cash/card on the door after paid online queue has gone in. £4 per child, which includes a squash and a fresh cookie (fruit available for non-cookie fans). Look out for the toy table and licensed bar too. Fancy dress totally optional! **No babies or pre-schoolers please.**

Mon 16 Oct – CHRISTMAS FAIR POSTER COMPETITION LAUNCH (Free Activity!)

Children are invited to create a colourful A4/A3 poster (handmade or digital) to advertise the PTA Christmas Fair.

Poster must include St James' PTA Christmas Fair – Friday 1st December 2023, 5.30-9pm. Bar, Entertainment, Face Paints, Raffle, St James' Juniors Got Talent Show, Santa's Grotto, Stalls and Games. **Name and class on the back.**

Prizes: Two Infants and two Juniors will each receive a £5 Love2Shop voucher. Judged by Mrs Clarke from the school office. All posters will be displayed around school and the winning posters on the PTA Noticeboards. All entrants will get a certificate.

Fri 10 Nov @ 9am: Deadline for entries to the PTA Postbox (or school office if A3). Winners will be announced and certificates handed out in Whole School Worship that morning.

Thu 19 Oct – MONSTER CAKE SALE @ 3pm

The first of our three Cake Sales is here! Please make or buy individual cakes, biscuits or donuts. **NO NUTS ALLOWED!** Please bring them to the PTA Cake Trolley outside the school foyer on the morning of Thu 19 Oct. Then at 3pm come to the back playground and buy cakes for 50p each or 3 for £1.20. **Cash only please!**

Thu 26 Oct – CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT DEADLINE

Please complete and return the A5 Christmas Card Artwork/Order Form and payment **to the PTA Postbox** (foyer) by **Thu 26 Oct 3pm**. Christmas cards £7, wrapping paper £3 & gift tags £3. Pay by **bank transfer** (St James' Primary PTA, 67241381, 08-92-99, Ref: Surname, Cards), **cash** or **cheque** (St James' Primary PTA). Please do not miss the deadline as **no late orders can be accepted.**

Thu 9 Nov – JACKEROO FASHION SHOW & SHOPPING NIGHT

A **BRAND NEW EVENT** for anyone who enjoys shopping and socialising! Jackeroo (Bath Road) are coming to SJP to showcase their beautiful clothes, accessories, jewellery, bags and shoes and there will be **15% discount on the night! £5 entry** and the bar will be open. Don't forget to bring **£1 for a Heads and Tails** game to win money to spend on the night. Open to everyone, including family and friends. Models also wanted, so if you fancy a walk down the catwalk, please get in touch...you get a free drink! **Parent businesses** are welcome to advertise so please email stjamesprimarypta@yahoo.com to find out more.



Please volunteer if you are able!

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT

MON 9 OCT onwards
Christmas Card Project
(Artwork Coming Home)

WED 11 OCT
Christmas Fair Planning Meeting

FRI 13 OCT
Infant Monster Disco & Junior Monster Disco

MON 16 OCT
Christmas Fair Poster Competition (Launch)

THU 19 OCT
Monster Cake Sale

THU 26 OCT
Christmas Card Project
(Order Deadline)

NOV
THU 9 NOV
Jackeroo Fashion Show

FRI 10 NOV
Christmas Fair Poster Competition (Deadline)

THU 16 NOV
Mufti Day 2 & Christmas Fair Donations



Facebook News: **SJP PTA**

Facebook Selling: **SJP PTA Selling Group**



Booking Tickets for our Events:

www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta



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PTA WEBSITE – BUSINESS ADVERTISING

www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta

Our website is the place to go to book tickets for many of our PTA events. With a school roll of 420 there are over 300 SJP families who regularly use the website. We have three Sponsorship options available to all school parents/staff for the school year **Sep 2022 to Aug 2023**.

- 1. Premium Sponsor, £150/yr**
Long banner appears on top and bottom of each webpage, on emails, on the Sponsors page and includes a Business Directory listing.
- 2. Secondary Sponsor, £65/yr**
Square banner appears at the side of each webpage, on the Sponsors page and includes a Business Directory listing.
- 3. Business Directory Sponsor, £25/yr**
Company profile listing on the Business Directory page.

Please take a look at '**View advertising opportunities**' underneath the sponsored advert on PTA Events www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta or email stjamesprimarypta@yahoo.com to find out more.

BIG LOVE TO OUR CURRENT SPONSORS

All Things Beauty Cheltenham
[facebook.com/allthingsbeautycheltenham](https://www.facebook.com/allthingsbeautycheltenham)
David Christopher Jewellers www.davidchristopher.co.uk
FRC Financial Planning www.frffinancialplanning.co.uk
Moran's Eating House www.moranseatinghouse.co.uk
Rachel Art Design www.rachelartdesign.co.uk
Zigs Exercise www.zigsexercise.uk
Together you raised over £700 for SJP PTA last year.

Please make sure you join the **SJP PTA Facebook Group** to keep up-to-date with all the PTA news and events. Join the **SJP PTA Selling Group** on Facebook for sustainable buying/selling. Plus, register on the **PTA Events website** to be able to book your children on our events.



Facebook News: **SJP PTA**
Facebook Selling: **SJP PTA Selling Group**



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...AND THERE'S MORE!

Thu 16 Nov – MUFTI DAY 2 (of 6)

& Christmas Fair

The second Mufti Day in our series of six half termly non-uniform days. Buy the 'Mufti Day Bundle' for £6 via the PTA website pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta and you can sit back and relax knowing you are sorted for all six PTA Mufti Days for the upcoming school year. No more having to find a £1 coin each Mufti Day! You can pay £1 cash to your teacher each time if you prefer. However, if you paid £1 cash last time and now want to pay for the remaining 5 as a bundle go online and amend the price to £5.

(PTA Mufti Dates: 3: Thu 8 Feb, 4: Wed 28 Feb, 5: Fri 3 May, 6: Thu 20 Jun)

On this day we also ask you to bring **Christmas Fair Donations** to the **Eco Hub between 8.30-9am**. If you forget, or find more, please leave them in the PTA Dropbox.

We would love each family to donate a selection of:

- Mystery Jars (this is a gift-wrapped jar or paper cup filled with sweets and/or small party bag toys). Spare pint cups available in the PTA Dropbox after half term, help yourself!
- Tombola items (alcohol, soft drinks, chocolates, sweets, toiletries or gadgets).
- Good quality preloved soft toys, games, books and media.
- Unwanted/unopened adult/child gifts.

Volunteers needed 9-11am ish in the Eco Hub on the day to help sort the donations. See the Christmas Fair Volunteer Form which will come out after half term.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are looking for **Raffle Prize donations** for our Christmas Raffle held at the Christmas Fair on Fri 1 Dec. We need prize details by Fri 10 Nov in order to print the tickets. Email stjamesprimarypta@yahoo.com with any prize details! They can be from your own business, a friend's business or even a donated prize!

RAISE MONEY WHEN SHOPPING ONLINE!

Please register with **Easy Fundraising** via the app (or website). Select '**St James' Primary School PTA - Cheltenham**' as your chosen charity and each time you shop you will be raising money for the PTA, at no cost to you. Individuals and businesses can do this, and all the big retailers are in the mix!
Easy Fundraising: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/stjcheltenham

SJP PTA AMAZON BOOK WISH LIST

A collaboration between the school and the PTA to get **new books in the School Library**. We have an Infant Book Wish List and a Junior Book Wish List on Amazon. Select the book(s) you want, add a message so we know who bought them and the books are delivered directly to the school. You can even buy a book to celebrate your child's birthday (rather than sweets!). See separate poster for full details.

PTA FUNDRAISING since the last Newsletter...

Enterprise 5 Monster Sale **£102**

Library Book Sales **£89**

Mufti Day 1 **£293**

Popcorn Clubs (Matilda & Elemental) **£440**

Preloved Uniform **£428**

Incredible! A huge THANK YOU for all your support.

PTA VOLUNTEERS

ALWAYS NEEDED

If you would like to **volunteer** at any of our upcoming PTA events **please volunteer** via the PTA website, SJP PTA Facebook or email stjamesprimarypta@yahoo.com

