

SJP PTA NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2023

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

Welcome to the December PTA Newsletter. What an incredible first term! We are all very much looking forward to a restful Christmas holiday. Thank you for supporting our events and activities this year. We have lots more to come in 2024!

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

A BIG 'PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR' THANK YOU!

An incredible **£6224** was raised at our recent Christmas Fair (a new SJP record!), including **£1765** raised by the Christmas Raffle. A huge thank you to all the parents and businesses who donated prizes and to all the parents and staff who volunteered. Congratulations to the winners who are listed on SJP PTA Facebook! Thank you everyone for all your support.

WED 13 DEC – PTA MEETING 2 (AGM)

On Wed 13 Dec the PTA will elect their **2023/24 PTA Committee**. The current PTA Committee is:

PTA Chair (*Stephanie Leach Y1/4*)

PTA Treasurer (*Amie Gilbertson YR/2/4*)

PTA Secretary (Joint) (*Helen Hardy YR/4, Nathalie Dawson Y5*)

Nomination Forms are on the PTA Noticeboard if you would like to nominate someone for one of the PTA Committee roles. Deadline is Wed 13 Dec 3pm to post Nomination Forms in the PTA Postbox. This is our second meeting of the school year. We have one meeting every half term in Moran's, so only 6 per year!

It is vital that we get new members on the PTA Team to become the 'Next Generation PTA!'

Thu 14 Dec – CCP HAMPER SCAMPER FOOD COLLECTION (DEADLINE)

PLEASE DONATE FOOD towards the Caring Communities and People (CCP) Hamper Scamper festive hampers. There is a Hamper Scamper box in the ECO HUB and in the SCHOOL FOYER. Deadline for donations: **Thu 14 Dec 3pm**.

Suggested donations: Mince Pies, Crackers, Savoury Snacks, Christmas Pudding or Cake, Box of Chocolates or Selection Boxes, Luxury Biscuits, Hot Drinks, Condiments, Gravy, Stuffing Mix, Tinned or Packet Pudding or Tinned Fruit or Veg. More Information: www.ccp.org.uk/hamperscamper

SJP PTA EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT CODES

Thank you Pat Dyer and Holly Delaney-Marsh who have offered the school community an amazing 20% SJP discount from their respective businesses.

Guard Surf & Protect G.ROBE – Enter **SJP20** at Checkout

<https://www.guardprotect.co.uk/g-robe-outdoor-changing-robe/>

Betsy & Floss – Enter **SJPTA20** at Checkout

<https://betsyandfloss.com/>

SJP PTA ITEMS FOR SALE – Cash or Card

Olive Oil by The Olive House – **£11 bottle (750ml)** direct from the family olive grove in Crete, thanks to Cat Pierrepont. £2 from every purchase goes to the PTA.

John Lewis Christmas Advert 2023 Snapper Character Plush Soft Toy – **£5 each** (RRP £18), thanks to Lauren Bajdala-Brown and Waitrose Cheltenham. Only 90 available so first come, first served. We may be getting the Snapper books and decorations to make a bundle so keep your eye on SJP PTA for updates! All proceeds to the PTA.

Greeting and Christmas Cards – **£1 each**, thanks to Laura Edgington and the Great British Card Company. All proceeds to the PTA.

All items on sale each morning at the school gate. See Nathalie Dawson opposite the main gates by the tree.

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!



Please volunteer if you are able!

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WED 13 DEC
PTA Meeting 2 – AGM

FRI 19 JAN
Bag2School 3

THU 14 DEC
CHP Hamper Scamper
Deadline

FRI 13 JAN
Mufti Day 3
Cobalt – The Big Sort 2023
(Deadline)
Infant Popcorn Club (Rec-Y2)

FRI 15 DEC
Junior Popcorn Club (Y3-6)

WED 20 DEC
Lilian Faithfull Christmas
Card (Deadline)

FRI 2 FEB
Quiz Night with
Fish & Chip Supper

THU 8 FEB
Mufti Day 3



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.frcfinancialplanning.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 book your children on our events.



Facebook News: **SJP PTA**
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...AND THERE'S MORE!

Wed 20 Dec – LILIAN FAITHFULL CHRISTMAS CARD

Your children are invited to write a card to a Lilian Faithfull care home resident in Cheltenham. This is the fourth year we have joined forces with SJP parents Paul and Kate Berry from **Officeworkx** and **Lilian Faithfull Care**. We are trying to get 320 cards so every resident across all four homes receives a card, please help us spread some Christmas cheer this December! Teachers have been given a bundle to do in class, but you can also do one at home. Siblings and parents do join in. Spares on the PTA Noticeboard.

Wed 20 Dec 3pm: Deadline for posting in the PTA Postbox

ONLINE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

With the festive shopping period upon us **please register with Easy Fundraising**. Select '**St James' Primary PTA – Cheltenham**' as your chosen charity and every time you shop you will raise money for the PTA, at no cost to you. Download the app and the Donation Reminder tool!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/stjcheltenham

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Thu 21 Dec – Last day of term. 2pm finish!

Mon 8 Jan – Back to school

Fri 12 Jan – COBALT – THE BIG SORT 2024 (Deadline)

Please recycle your used Christmas and greeting cards in the Cobalt Cards' box in the Eco Hub by **Fri 12 Jan, 3pm**. Ask your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues too. **Greeting cards can be recycled all year round!** Donated cards will be upcycled into new cards to raise vital funds for local medical charity Cobalt. Cobalt work in partnership with the NHS to improve the lives of people affected by cancer and dementia. www.cobalthealth.co.uk

Fri 19 Jan – BAG2SCHOOL

Our third textile collection of the year takes place in the Eco Hub on **Fri 19 Jan by 9am**. Drop your bags in the Eco Hub bins anytime ahead of the date in the bins or on the morning of the collection (we must keep the bags dry). Spare bags can be found in the Eco Hub or you can use your own bin bags. We get 50p per kilo so please donate a bag or two. The more they weigh, the more they pay!

www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect

Thu 8 Feb – MUFTI DAY 3

The third Mufti Day (Non-uniform) in our half termly series of six per year. If you haven't already, pay for all 6 on www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta, or amend price to £4 to pay for the remaining 4. Or you can pay £1 to the teacher each time.

We couldn't do any of the above without our amazing Parent and Staff Volunteers... and of course our children! Thank you everyone for your continued support.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

JOY
LOVE
PEACE
BELIEVE
CHRISTMAS