

# SJP PTA NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2023

## UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

Welcome to the 'End of Year' PTA Newsletter. What an incredible Autumn term. We say goodbye to Mrs Harford and hello to Mrs Smith as Head Teacher and wish them both all the best in their new roles. Thank you for supporting the PTA so brilliantly!

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!

In case you missed it, we raised an incredible **£6224** at the Christmas Fair (a new SJP record!), including **£1765** raised by the Christmas Raffle. Thanks again to all the parents and businesses who donated prizes and to all people who volunteered. This means we have raised a whopping **£14,733** in the Autumn Term so far! See the separate poster for details.

### PTA COMMITTEE ELECTED

On Wed 13 Dec the PTA elected their **2023/24 PTA Committee** at their AGM. With no new nominees, the PTA Committee members all stood down and were swiftly re-elected.

**PTA Chair** (*Stephanie Leach Y1/4*)

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

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

This was 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!**' Hopefully see you at the next meeting on **Wed 7 Feb, 7.30pm @ Moran's**.

### CCP HAMPER SCAMPER FOOD COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who donated festive food to the Hamper Scamper appeal. Our two full boxes were delivered by Paul Berry, Officeworks to help make hampers for families and individuals in need this Christmas.

[www.ccp.org.uk/hamperscamper](http://www.ccp.org.uk/hamperscamper)

### SJP PTA EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT CODES

Thank you to Pat Dyer and Holly Delaney-Marsh who have given 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. New delivery in January! See Nathalie Dawson for order details.

**Greeting and Christmas Cards** – **£1 each**, thanks to Laura Edgington and the Great British Card Company. The boxes are in the school foyer, please help yourself and post cash in the PTA Postbox. All proceeds to the PTA.

**John Lewis Christmas Advert 2023 Snapper Character Plush Soft Toy** – **£5 each** (RRP £18). Huge thanks to Lauren Bajdala-Brown and Tracey (Community Champion) from Waitrose Cheltenham for these amazing toys. We have now **SOLD OUT** and raised an amazing £465. We purchased a class set of Trespass puddle suits for Forest School. Miss Thompson is **super happy and excited for 2024!**

### TUB 2 PUB for MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

From 1 Jan-11 Feb you can donate your empty chocolate, sweet, biscuit and cracker tubs in the Eco Hub. Greene King pubs are selling them to plastic manufacturers and all money raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. Think Heroes, Celebrations and Quality Street! [www.tub2pub.co.uk/tub2pub](http://www.tub2pub.co.uk/tub2pub)

**Bag2School:** Keep sorting your unwanted clothes/shoes for the next collection on **Fri 19 Jan**. 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!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**TUE 2 JAN**

Cobalt – The Big Sort 2024 (Launch)

**FRI 12 JAN**

Cobalt – The Big Sort 2024 (Deadline)  
Infant Popcorn Club (Rec-Y2) – Moanna

**FRI 19 JAN**

Bag2School 3  
Junior Popcorn Club (Y3-6) – Aladdin

**FRI 2 FEB**

Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper

**WED 7 FEB**

PTA Meeting 3

**THU 8 FEB**

Mufti Day 3  
Valentine Cake Sale  
Enterprise 5 World Book Day Sale

**WED 28 FEB**

Mufti Day 4



Facebook News: **SJP PTA**

Facebook Selling: **SJP PTA Selling Group**



Booking Tickets for our Events:

[www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta)



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## PTA WEBSITE – BUSINESS ADVERTISING

[www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta](http://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](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta) or email [stjamesprimarypta@yahoo.com](mailto:stjamesprimarypta@yahoo.com) to find out more.

## BIG LOVE TO OUR CURRENT SPONSORS

All Things Beauty Cheltenham  
[facebook.com/allthingsbeautycheltenham](https://facebook.com/allthingsbeautycheltenham)  
David Christopher Jewellers [www.davidchristopher.co.uk](http://www.davidchristopher.co.uk)  
FRC Financial Planning [www.frcfinancialplanning.co.uk](http://www.frcfinancialplanning.co.uk)  
Moran's Eating House [www.moranseatinghouse.co.uk](http://www.moranseatinghouse.co.uk)  
Rachel Art Design [www.rachelartdesign.co.uk](http://www.rachelartdesign.co.uk)  
Zigs Exercise [www.zigsexercise.uk](http://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**  
Facebook Selling: **SJP PTA Selling Group**



Booking Tickets for our Events:  
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[stjamesprimarypta@yahoo.com](mailto:stjamesprimarypta@yahoo.com)

## ...AND THERE'S MORE!

### 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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/stjcheltenham)



### FREE PRELOVED UNIFORM

With the support of the school Pastoral Team we are now offering **FREE** preloved uniform in the Eco Hub. There are two labelled boxes with imperfect or surplus school uniform items. Please help yourself!

### LILIAN FAITHFULL CHRISTMAS CARD

Many of your children have written 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 have reached our target of **260 cards** so every resident across all six homes will now receive a card. Thank you for helping us please help us spread some well-needed Christmas cheer.  
**BBC Filming:** We are thrilled to announce that the BBC will be filming us delivering the cards after school today. Look out on SJP PTA Facebook for the link when we have it!



### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

**Thu 21 Dec – Last day of term. 2pm finish!**  
**Mon 8 Jan – Back to school**

### Fri 12 & 19 Jan – POPCORN CLUBS

Book and volunteer here: [pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta](http://pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta)  
**Fri 12 Jan:** Infant Popcorn Club (Rec-Y2) – Moanna  
**Fri 19 Jan:** Infant Popcorn Club (Y3-6) - Aladdin

### 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.cobalthhealth.co.uk](http://www.cobalthhealth.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](http://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](http://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.

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. See you in 2024!**

JOY  
LOVE  
PEACE  
BELIEVE  
CHRISTMAS