

PTA newsletter, July 2020



Hello!

Welcome back to a new School year! The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) held our Annual General Meeting (AGM) last week and we would like to introduce our committee:

- Chair: Lucy Stott
- Vice Chair: Sam Carver
- Secretary: Lizzy Rice
- Treasurer: Charlotte Corbett

As well as the formalities of forming a committee, the PTA have started planning more exciting events for this term. The new restrictions surrounding Covid-19 have definitely got us all thinking outside the box, but despite the extra challenges, we are focussed on helping the school and supporting the education of all the children in Little Roots, Acorns, Oaks and Owls.

What is the PTA?

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA), is an organisation of parents and staff. Its role is to encourage closer links between home and school. All parents/carers and teachers here at Stoke are automatically members of the PTA!



Dates for your diary

Halloween Goodie Bags – available to order now! £3 per bag. Please email 'stokepta@yahoo.com' or message us via our Facebook page if you would like to pre-order.

Last orders 16th October.

23rd October – Crazy Hair and Mufti Day (Acorns, Oaks & Owls)- £1 (if it is your class PE day then please make sure they are in suitable clothes)

Little Roots Date TBC

31st October – Scarecrow Trail and Pumpkin Carving competition – Watch this space to find out more information!

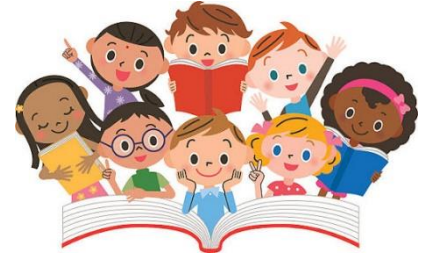
11th November – Bags2School – clearing out the wardrobe? Bag it up and bring it to school on 11th November. (Sorry, we cannot accept bags before the 11th due to the current restrictions).

Out and About

The rainbows that popped up around the village earlier in the year created a lovely, bright trail for families to follow around the village! Keep an eye out for faeries, pixies, dragons and elves. Have any moved into your garden? Go to "**Stoke rock art page**" on Facebook to find out more.

GoFundMe

Reading is one of the most important skills our children need and we are committed to giving every child the opportunity to shine as a reader. We have set up a new GoFundMe page "Reading with Confidence" to raise funds for a fantastic reading scheme. Please share far and wide and let's get to our first goal by half term!



Google *GoFundMe* then search for *Reading with Confidence* or type **gf.me/u/y2auw2**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far, a fantastic start!

EasyFundraising

The EasyFundraising logo, featuring a stylized 'e' in a circle with the text 'easyfundraising feel good shopping' below it. To the right of the logo, the text reads: 'Raise FREE funds for us every time you Shop online'.



We're registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at:
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stokestmichaelprimaryschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-n1

Keep in touch!

If anyone fancies a chat or needs some support then please do get in touch, either via the facebook page "Friends of Stoke St Michael Primary and Pre School" or the Stoke PTA email: stokepta@yahoo.com

If you have any new 'socially distanced' fundraising ideas then do get in touch!

The PTA x

Useful links and pages to join

PTA Email Address: stokepta@yahoo.com

Don't forget to search for "**Friends of Stoke St Michael Primary and Pre School**" on Facebook. This page is used by parents and staff to keep everyone up to date of news, changes and a chance for parents to ask questions. *Please note this is a 'closed group', and only current parents and staff are given access to help us keep our children safe.*



Other Facebook pages

Fun trails to follow around the village: "Stoke rock art page"

"Stoke St. Michael Toddler Group" for parents and carers with babies and toddlers up to school age.

Stoke St Michael Covid-19 Mutual Aid (www.facebook.com/ssmmutualaid)