



## PTFA NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023

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Huge thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last academic year, here's to another successful year of fundraising!

# How did we raise money?



July saw the return of the summer fair and it was a huge success! Even torrential rain didn't spoil the event which raised over £2,500 for the school.

Thank you to all of our helpers without whom it wouldn't have been possible, to all who donated prizes and auction lots and to

everyone who came and joined us. We were extremely grateful for the overwhelmingly positive feedback which makes all of the planning worthwhile!

Special mentions to staff for staying after school on a Friday to man the bar, to Mr Vallier and Mr Winstone for being such great sports and stepping into the stocks (we suspect that's where we took the most money) and to our wonderful BBQ team who braved the elements to make sure that people were fed.

In addition to the fair, the Easter egg trail was very well received and it was lovely to see so many families out collecting letters!

A huge thank you also to several parents who sell things on Facebook marketplace throughout the year and pass the proceeds to us. It's so appreciated.

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# Every little helps..



We are waiting to find out where we came in the first round of the Tesco local cause votes. We have been lucky enough to be selected for another round from now until January 2024 so please do keep pushing those blue tokens into our box in both local stores and ask friends and family to do the same.

We were accepted as a local cause for a specific project, any funding received will be put towards the iPads we committed to providing.

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## How have your donations helped the school?

Over the last year, thanks to your support, we have been able to purchase a second set of iPads with a portable charging station for use by classes throughout the school.

We have also funded the termly whole school treats for the children and made our usual



donation towards the Y6 leavers celebrations at the end of the summer term. We were really pleased, lastly, to be in a position to support the Early Years team by providing play equipment and additional resources which contribute to the improvements they have made this year to the minnows outdoors area.

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# What's next?



Mr Vallier has plans to create an amazing, open plan library space for the children. This would be used as an additional learning space, would potentially provide additional space for wrap around care and would be something we could share with various different groups in the local community.

This is our most ambitious project to date and if anyone works for a local business who they think may be happy to make a donation or who offer match funding we would love to hear from you! This project will mean that there are MANY grant applications in our future so if we have any parents with a background in or experience of successfully securing capital grants, all help is very gratefully received.

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## How can you help?

We have booked the school for Saturday December 9th for the Christmas Fair. Planning starts now, please let us know ASAP if you are able to help in any way. We want to make it as much fun as possible but we can only plan for as many stalls as we know we are able to cover.



As always, if there is an event that you think would be fun and are willing to help organise to raise funds for the school, please speak to us. We will run as many as we can but if we're unable to commit to it personally, we will always happily support you by finding volunteers and helping to promote it.

Thank you all again, so much



Shoreham Beach PTA

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