

THE BISHOP SUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

PTA NEWS

ALL ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL SOCIETY

WINTER TERM 2020

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Christmas elves have been working very hard and we are delighted to announce details of the Christmas Raffle! There are some fantastic prizes are up for grabs including:

- * Luxury Christmas Hamper
- * Weekend Stay in a Shepherd's Hut
- * Champagne & Chocolates
- * Family Ticket to Frisbee Golf @ Mendip Outdoors
- * 1 Month Crossfit Gym Membership
- * Night out bundles including vouchers & babysitting
- * ... and many more

All tickets are being sold online and the website is now live. Please take a look at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Bishopsuttonschoolxmasraffle>

Tickets sales are open until 15th December with the draw taking place via Zoom on the 16th December. Full details can be found online. Good luck everybody!

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR

Welcome to our first newsletter! We're going to use this format to keep you updated on our upcoming events, how you can get involved, and how the money, that you all help to raise, is being spent.

We are a small group, whose aim is to run enjoyable fundraising events for our children and their families/carers. Monies raised are used to support and enrich our children's school experience.

We are always looking for new members to join us. We understand the pressures of family/work life and you need only give the time that you can. All parents and carers are warmly welcome to PTA meetings. These are held approximately every 6 weeks and are currently held via Zoom. Simply email me (pta@bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk) for call logins if you would like to attend our next one in January. Our last Annual General Meeting was held in October and minutes are available to view on the school website.

Unsurprisingly, the pandemic has meant we have lost many opportunities to raise much needed funds, however, we will continue with fundraising activities that are feasible and safe. We hope to have an exciting programme of events next year, including the **launch of our very own Lottery!**

Thank you for your continued support.
Maria Moon-Park Smith, PTA Chair

Money well spent!

From October 2019 to September 2020, you helped us donate £15,456.70 to the school. The money raised by the PTA is vital for the school and is used in lots of different ways, from buying essential kit, such as maths equipment and books, to treating the children at Christmas and subsidising trips. Here are just a few examples of how your money is being spent:

Virtual Panto	£90
SEN Resources	£1500
Books	£1091
Classroom equipment for Wrens	£2500

Other requests from the school for this year include:

Books	£1000
Autumn Tennis Lessons	£260
Playpod Subscription	£885

Since September, we have raised.....

Balloon Race	£349	Halloween Trail	£330
Christmas Cards	£423	Donations	£40

Online shopping means FREE MONEY FOR THE PTA

The cancellation of our usual events has left a big hole in the PTA's coffers. However, there are some simple ways in which you can raise money for the school without baking a cake and that won't cost you anything! All you need to do is continue shopping online (is there any other way to shop these days?!).



Each time you buy something from **Amazon**:

- 1) start your shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk,
- 2) nominate the **Bishop Sutton School Society** as your chosen charity
- 3) shop as usual and a % of your spend will go to us for FREE.



Easyfundraising is another great way to shop online and donate to the school. When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for Bishop Sutton School Society, Bristol.

Simply visit our easyfundraising page to get started:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bishopsuttonschsoc/>



Employee Matching Gift Programmes. It is worth checking with your employer to see if they match Charity fundraising. If they do, and you would be happy to use your allowance to support the PTA, please email pta@bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk



There are a number of ways in which you can support us. One, of course, is attending the events we run. However, these events require effort and we are always looking for support from parents in helping set up events and running them.

All of the events lined up for this term, and into 2021, are the result of parents coming forward with ideas about how we can have fun together and raise money during these unusual times.

It is not all hard work. Getting involved with the PTA is also good fun AND is of great benefit to your child's schooling. So, if you have an idea for an event or activity that you would be willing to help organise, please do get in touch by sending an email to pta@bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk or speaking to one of our members.



Chair – Maria Moon–Park Smith (Y2 & Y4 parent)
Treasurer – Gayle Hunt (Y2 & Y4 parent)
Secretary – Sarah Naylor (Y1, Y4 & Y6 parent)

PTA Representatives
YR Rep – Kate Bridges
Y1 Rep – Kelly Shipway
Y2 Rep – Fay Parker
Y3 Rep – Louise Warne
Y4 Rep – Lucy Gray
Y5 Rep – Helen Edgecombe
Y6 Rep – Danielle Way