

Enmore School PTA

Plans and programme 2024/2025

November 2024



Dear parents and carers,

In the summer term we shared our ambition to increase PTA fundraising to help our wonderful school through this period of escalating costs and ensure that current children benefit from all of the classroom and extra-curricular activities available in the past. We have also discussed how we organise the PTA itself to get the most out of our events and the volunteering time that so many of you generously give.

This letter sets out our intentions for a two-year campaign to put the PTA on a sustainable footing and raise £30,000 (three times normal fundraising). We are asking all families to participate and contribute with ideas, time and donations. Please look out for our regular communications to see how you can help.

Our intentions/commitment

- We intend to expand the PTA Committee to spread the load and share experience
- We will establish a 'PTA Light' WhatsApp group for parents/carers who would like to be involved and help at our events but who are not on the Committee
- We will increase the number of events we hold and ensure that they are spread more evenly across the year
- We will hold an annual 'ideas meeting' in September to create a plan for the forthcoming year – all parents/carers are invited to attend this meeting
- We will communicate more regularly and make it easier to find information including:
 - o A letter every half term with the upcoming calendar of events and the support/donations we need
 - o Useful information and documents on the school website, for example a grant application template
 - o Regular posts on the PTA Facebook page (Enmore School PTA parents and friends)
 - o Regular WhatsApp posts, including poll requests for volunteers
 - o Activating a PTA email address for correspondence enmorepta@outlook.com
- While we expect to continue to operate on a mostly cash basis, we will introduce card readers and make more use of bank transfers to make it easier to pay/donate at events

PTA Committee – volunteers needed

We are looking for at least three additional members of the PTA Committee. Generally speaking, we all muck in together, but we have agreed that it would be helpful to have more formal roles as we build speed. We plan to have six meetings a year, with some on Zoom/Teams for ease. If you are interested in joining the Committee, please drop us an email, or find one of us in the playground. It is a lot of fun to be part of.

- Chair (Lucie Brailsford)
- Deputy Chairs (Debbie Prescott and Emma Cobbett)
- Treasurer (Adam Knight)
- Financial reporting – volunteer required
- Communications/design – volunteer required
- Raffles Queen (Holly Knight)
- Admin support/volunteer co-ordinator – volunteer required
- Enmore School teaching staff

‘PTA Light’ WhatsApp group

Not everyone wants to be, or has time to be, on the Committee, but we always have lots of volunteers for events. We want to be more organised with this and think the easiest way is via WhatsApp where we can communicate quickly and use the poll function. Please text your name to Lucie on 07912 113208 if you would like to join the WhatsApp group or drop us an email.

2024/2025 events

See below for a list of the events we hope to run this year. It’s more than we have done before, and we hope that some will become annual events as we test interest and fundraising potential. We are also exploring other fundraising opportunities including grants, company matched funding, business sponsorship, and parent-led special events like the paddleboarding sessions last summer. We will share information about upcoming activities at the beginning of each half term for diaries and so that you can start putting aside donations. See the attached information on our events up to Christmas.

<p>Autumn term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fund raisin (half term) - Christmas Choir at Secret Valley - Christmas shopping - Christmas disco night - Christmas Fair 	<p>Spring term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sticky facts (half term) - Bake Off - Car wash - Bingo/quiz night (family) - Easter egg colouring competition - Race night/cheese & wine (adults)
<p>Summer term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strange places reading challenge (half term) - Summer clothes/toy sale - Outdoor film night - Plant café - Summer fair - Sports Day refreshments - Ice cream Fridays 	<p>Summer holidays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paddleboarding - Summer BBQ/festival

Thank you for reading.

- To find out more about the PTA Committee please email us enmorepta@outlook.com
- To join the PTA Light WhatsApp please text your name to Lucie on [07912 113208](tel:07912113208)
- Please review the upcoming events page for information on dates/times and donations
- Please look out for our volunteer requests for our events and sign up
- Come along to our Christmas Fair planning meeting on Friday 29 November at 3.30pm. The school has kindly offered to supervise children during the meeting.

The PTA Committee



Enmore School PTA upcoming events and activities

Saturday 7 December Christmas Choir at Secret Valley (10.30am-12)

Secret Valley Christmas Trees have kindly invited class 4 and 5 children to sing carols at Secret Valley and collect donations for the PTA. Please see the letter about the Choir from Mrs Green. Parents are also welcome to join the singing.

Friday 13 December – Christmas Fair (5.30-7.30pm)

We hope to make this year's Fair our most successful yet. We will have more games, more entertainment, and a wider range of refreshments including pizza, beer and wine to enjoy this year. We ask all families to donate specific items to the Fair per the list below. We are also requesting donations for the bottle stall from everyone, including Enmore village. Other than fresh cakes, please bring in these donations on Thursday 12 December, or on the morning of the Fair.

Class 1	Multipack crisps
Class 2	Cakes
Class 3	Multipack chocolate bars (branded)
Class 4	Cakes
Class 5	Bottles/cans (for bottle stall)

We will share a list of volunteer needs as soon as possible. Planning meeting on Fri 29 Nov at 3.30pm.

Monday 16 December – Christmas shopping

For families new to the school, this is a big favourite in our Christmas calendar. While it raises funds, it is predominantly about enjoyment for the children. On the shopping day, children are invited to our 'Christmas shop' to choose gifts for their family at £1 a gift. The gifts are wrapped by our volunteers and brought home by the children ready for Christmas. All of the gifts are donations of nearly new/new items in good condition, and we ask that all families donate the number and type of items that roughly match the list of gifts their children will want to buy (maximum five gifts per child).

As you can imagine, this event is volunteer heavy, but absolutely worth it!

Thursday 12 December – please bring in donations (adult, child, baby/toddler categories). No alcohol please. We would also be grateful for wrapping paper.

Monday 16 December – children to come to school with a list of gifts to buy and £1 per gift.

We will share a list of volunteer needs as soon as possible. Volunteers are required for sorting on the 12th and shopping on the 16th.

Tuesday 17 December – Christmas Discos KS1 and KS2

KS1 disco 3.45-4.45pm. Children will change and be taken to the disco by their class teachers. Please collect your child from the school hall at 4.45pm.

KS2 disco 5.00- 6.00pm. Children to arrive at 5.00pm.

£2 per child on the door. A drink and snack will be provided. Dress – disco party!

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