



# South Stoke Primary School PA Newsletter

Welcome to the final South Stoke Parents Association newsletter for this school year! We have survived home-schooling and have all enjoyed the children being back in the classrooms with their friends and teachers.

Despite having to cancel both Bonfire Night and the May Fayre again this year, the PA has been working tirelessly to raise funds. We are extremely grateful for the support we receive from parents, families and local residents who help to make our activities a success. Money raised by the school PA benefits EVERY child in the school and is spent on: Sports coaches, school trips (including theatre trips and PGL), workshops, forest school, plus additional equipment to help support the pupils.

Thanks to your support for the PA, there will be significant improvements to the playground over the next eighteen months. Look out for those developments starting over the summer holidays...



## Superhero Scarecrow Trail

Time to get creative! The PA is organising a Scarecrow Trail around the village for the first couple of weeks of the summer holidays (24th July to 7th August).

We have asked families from the school who live in the village, as well as other residents, and the children at school to make Superhero-themed scarecrows, which will be displayed outside houses and around the village.

We will then produce a trail map, which will be available for visitors to buy at the shop. Visitors can then make their way round the village looking for all the scarecrows. We will also be asking them to vote for their favourite and we'll give giving a prize to the winner.

## PA End of Term Picnic

Join us for the end of term picnic! The picnic will start straight after the end of school at 1.30pm on Wednesday 21st July and will be a very relaxed affair.

Please bring your own picnics and picnic blankets and the PA will supply some nice cold treats for the children as well as some

more adult refreshments for the parents! It will be a great opportunity to relax, catch up and enjoy the sunshine with everyone before we all go off on our summer holidays.

The PA would be very grateful of any donations towards the refreshments.

## Plant Sale

South Stoke School PA was delighted to team up with South Stoke Shop to hold a plant sale at the Rec on 6th June. Generous parents and families donated all sorts of plants and the school children made beautifully decorated wellies and plant pots, all filled with colourful flowers. The PA also sold bacon sandwiches (thank you James Tunney for helping with the BBQ!) and made a total of £203.10.



## May Fayre Raffle

Despite the May Fayre being cancelled again this year, due to Covid restrictions, the PA decided to continue the tradition of holding the May Fayre Raffle. The delicious hamper was won by David Kennedy, and the teachers were able to take advantage of the Victoria sponge cake!

Hannah Cook won a £50 voucher, generously donated by Cholsey Butchers. The winning tickets were drawn on June 7th and over £340 was raised by the raffle.



## Successes for year 2020/2021

Once again a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the PA this year, without your help we would not have been able to raise valuable funds to support our children at South Stoke School. Despite the Covid restrictions the PA has raised an impressive amount, approaching £8000, through various activities. Some of the highlights include:

Christmas Sponsored Walk	£737.60
Bag2School (2 collections)	£861.40
Easter Bunny Boxes	£450.00
Christmas online shop	£390.97
May Fayre Raffle	£341.00
Bonfire Night Bags	£312.95
Plant Sale and BBQ	£203.10

A special thank you goes to James Tunney and his employer, Microsoft, who donated an incredible £3,389 to the PA.



## Bag2School

After the success of the collection in the Autumn term, the PA organized another clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School. Not only does this fantastic organization raise money for the PA, it also prevents unwanted garments from harming the environment and ending up in landfill. This collection raised a fantastic £302.40 for the PA.

## Save the Date

We have all got our fingers crossed that we can hold our fabulous Bonfire Night and Fireworks event again in November, so please save the date: Friday November 5th 2021



## Next Meeting

Our next PA meeting will be on Thursday 8th July at 8pm via Zoom. Please do join us at these meetings if you can, all families are welcome. We are always looking for creative new fundraising ideas, or even if you are just curious about what we do, please join us.

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