



Welcome to a new academic year and a big 'hello' to all new parents and children joining our fantastic school! We are looking forward to another year of fundraising ahead. This year is obviously going to be a bit different to previous years - unfortunately, we will not be able to run all our usual events, or may need to adapt them given the current situation we find ourselves in. We will endeavour to do what we can.

We are thankful to all those parents who are involved in the PTA and we are always keen to welcome new volunteers too. This year we are looking for at least one or two parents to work alongside me on the main committee. It is my last year at the school and I think it would be useful to work alongside others with a view to them taking over next year. We also need a new secretary, to take the minutes at meetings and help with general administrative tasks.

Many people have taken charge of individual tasks - running cake sales, second hand uniform sales, organising one event in the year, to name a few examples. If this is something you would be keen to do we would love to hear from you! We always need volunteers to run the events that we put on. Either helping with preparations beforehand or at the actual event. We are limited to what we can do at the moment, so any creative ideas are very welcome!

Thank you so much for all your support!
Anne Lupin - PTA

PTA AGM, Tuesday 29th September 8pm, Zoom meeting

If you are keen to be involved this year, please do come along! Everyone is welcome, you can volunteer to help as little or as much as you like. We welcome feedback on previous events and new ideas for events during the coming year. If you can't make the evening but you are keen to be involved, then please just email to let us know. We know that everyone is busy and will try and keep the meeting as brief as possible. Zoom meeting details will be sent out nearer the time.

Macmillan Coffee afternoon

Unfortunately, we are not able to run this event this year. If you would like to make a donation to Macmillan you can do so via the website:

<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/donate>

Christmas Fair

This is usually the biggest event in the school year for the PTA and involves a lot of planning. It will need to be very different this year but we are in the process of thinking about what we can do. More details to follow.

PTA Pantomime trip - rescheduled for Christmas 2021

As many of you are probably already aware, the Alban Arena pantomime has been postponed until next year. Once we have the new dates for 2021 we will let you know.

Christmas Cards

The children will be designing their own Christmas cards in school over the next couple of weeks. You will then be sent a copy of their design and have the option to purchase packs of cards with this on. Please support the school with this fundraising event - we receive a good amount of the profit for every pack sold.

Plan Social - Info for new parents

We use the web app 'Plan Social' (formerly PTA social) to make volunteering at PTA events even easier. Each event that we organise is broken down into smaller jobs or stalls with specific time slots that require volunteers. With the click of a button you can sign up to help with a job that you feel comfortable with and at a time that suits you. You can even see who else will be helping at the same time and arrange to help with friends. To sign up to hear news of forthcoming events and to volunteer please go to: <https://app.ptasocial.com/register/bernardsheathinfant>

The Giving Machine and Amazon Smile

At a time when school fundraising activities are limited, please can we remind you about shopping online via The Giving Machine and Amazon Smile. Every purchase you make benefits the school at no additional cost to you.

TheGivingMachine website, or app (called Shop&Give) can be added to the home screen of your tablet or smart phone. Accessing all your favourite online shops through TheGivingMachine will generate a free cash donation for the school with every single purchase made. In just over 4 years, we have raised £1,300, at no extra cost to parents! But it could be so much more!!!

Please visit www.thegivingmachine.co.uk and join to support our school - it only takes a minute. You can search for our school by full name (Bernards Heath Infant and Nursery School) or by using our quick sign up code - 57631. Every time you shop online go to TheGivingMachine first, then browse all your favourite online stores. When you make a purchase, retailers pay a commission which is turned into a donation for us. It is that simple!

We are also registered with AmazonSmile (under our registered charity name - Bernards Heath School Parent Teacher Association). Choose to support us and then you simply shop through smile.amazon.co.uk and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price to us!

Please get in touch with any ideas or feedback: bernardsheathinfant.pta@hotmail.com

Please make all cheques written for PTA events payable to:

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