

SJP PTA NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2024

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

Welcome to February's PTA Newsletter. Just a handful of events before we reach half term. Please come along to our next meeting on **Tue 6 Feb** to find out more and support your PTA. It really is a whole other world behind the scenes!

Full details about all the below events can be found on SJP PTA Facebook or the PTA website.

Fri 2 Feb – PTA QUIZ NIGHT with FISH & CHIP SUPPER

Our annual Quiz Night is back, 7-10.30pm in the school hall. This is such a good night out for the grown-ups! A fun quiz for all abilities. **Book online for teams of 4 for £50**, open to school parents and friends/family. **Only 3 team spaces available** at the time of writing this newsletter! Price includes a fish and chip supper from Lakeside Takeaway (plus veggie, vegan, gluten-free and dairy-free options) and there will also be a bar, raffle and a quick game of heads and tails for a free round at the bar on the night. Quizmaster Kenny Macdonald is looking forward to exercising your brains so get the babysitter booked for this eagerly anticipated and fun event! Cash or card on the night.

Book here: pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta

Tue 6 Feb – PTA MEETING 3

We would love to see you at our first meeting of 2024 at 7.30pm in Moran's, Bath Road. We hold one meeting every half term and discuss PTA events, activities and spending. No pressure at all to get involved, but it is always great to see new faces. **Without enough PTA members we can't put on our events, Many of our committee members will be leaving in the next few years so now is a great time to join us.** Please come along with a friend, the more the merrier! Thanks to Bronwen and Beano Moran (SJP Parents) for hosting our meetings. www.moranseatinghouse.co.uk

Thu 8 Feb – A TRIO OF EVENTS... MUFTI DAY 3

The third Mufti Day (non-uniform) in our half termly series of six per year. If you haven't already, pay for all 6 on www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta, or amend price to £4 to pay for the remaining 4. Or you can pay £1 to the teacher each time.

VALENTINE CAKE SALE

Please make or buy individual cakes, biscuits or donuts (**NO NUTS ALLOWED!**) and bring them to the PTA cake trolley at 8.30am on the morning of Thu 8 Feb. Then at 3pm come to the back playground and buy cakes for 50p each. Cash only please! After School Club children get cakes taken to them so they can still take their 50ps in to school. **CAKE CREW VOLUNTEERS** always needed 2.15-3.15pm.

ENTERPRISE 5 WORLD BOOK DAY SALE

On the same day as Mufti Day 3 and the Valentine Cake Sale, we also have the last of our three Year 5 preloved costume sales. This is just in time for SJP World Book Day on Thu 7 Mar. Come and get a bargain onesie or costume from £1-3! Y5 parents – if your child is on the WBD Team please come along and help from 2.30pm if you can. **Onesie and costume donations welcome in the PTA Dropbox (foyer) or PTA Enterprise 5 bin (Eco Hub) all year round.**

Wed 28 Feb – MUFTI DAY 4

The fourth Mufti Day (non-uniform) in our half termly series of six per year. If you haven't already, pay for all 6 on www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta, or amend price to £3 to pay for the remaining 3. Or you can pay £1 to the teacher each time.

Bag2School: Keep sorting your unwanted clothes/shoes for the next collection on **Fri 8 Mar**.

You can leave bags in the ECO HUB Bag2School bins anytime!

Preloved Uniform: Leave in the PTA Dropbox (school foyer) or Preloved Uniform bin (Eco Hub). See SJP PTA (Facebook) Preloved Uniform post or email us for preloved uniform requests. Look out for pop-up sales!

ECO HUB: #KeepOnRecycling your clothes, stamps, and greeting cards (far right of school).

Easy Fundraising: Register on the app/website, select 'St James' Primary PTA – Cheltenham', shop online and raise money for the PTA at no cost to you. Download the Donation Reminder!

SJP PTA Selling Group: Join our friendly Facebook selling group. Convenient handovers at the gate and bargains to be had! Feel free to make the occasional cash donation from sales to the PTA Postbox.

Match Fund/Benevity via your workplace!



Please volunteer if you are able!

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Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper

TUE 6 FEB

PTA Meeting 3

THU 8 FEB

Mufti Day 3
Valentine Cake Sale
Enterprise 5 World Book Day Sale

WED 28 FEB

Mufti Day 4

THU 7 MAR

World Book Day Book Sale

FRI 8 MAR

Bag2School 4

FRI 15 MAR

Infant Spring Disco
Junior Spring Disco

THU 21 MAR

Easter Cake Sale



Facebook News: **SJP PTA**

Facebook Selling: **SJP PTA Selling Group**



Booking Tickets for our Events:

www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta



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PTA WEBSITE – BUSINESS ADVERTISING

www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta

Our website is the place to go to book tickets for many of our PTA events. With a school roll of 420 there are over 300 SJP families who regularly use the website. We have three Sponsorship options available to all school parents/staff for the school year **Sep 2023 to Aug 2024**.

1. **Premium Sponsor, £150/yr**
Long banner appears on top and bottom of each webpage, on emails, on the Sponsors page and includes a Business Directory listing.
2. **Secondary Sponsor, £65/yr**
Square banner appears at the side of each webpage, on the Sponsors page and includes a Business Directory listing.
3. **Business Directory Sponsor, £25/yr**
Company profile listing on the Business Directory page.

Please take a look at **'View advertising opportunities'** underneath the sponsored advert on PTA Events www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamespta or email stjamesprimarypta@yahoo.com to find out more.

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Moran's Eating House www.moranseatinghouse.co.uk
Rachel Art Design www.rachelartdesign.co.uk
Zigs Exercise www.zigsexercise.uk
Together you raised over £700 for SJP PTA last year.

Please make sure you join the **SJP PTA Facebook Group** to keep up-to-date with all the PTA news and events. Join the **SJP PTA Selling Group** on Facebook for sustainable buying/selling. Plus, register on the **PTA Events website** to book your children on our events.



Facebook News: **SJP PTA**
Facebook Selling: **SJP PTA Selling Group**



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...AND THERE'S MORE!

Thu 7 Mar – WORLD BOOK DAY BOOK SALE

To support the school's World Book Day celebrations we are holding a pop-up World Book Day Sale. 3pm on the back playground where you can buy preloved books at 3 for £1. Book donations welcome anytime leading up to the sale. Any spares will be offered to our school library.

Fri 8 Mar – BAG2SCHOOL 4

Our fourth textile collection of the year takes place in the Eco Hub on **Fri 8 Mar by 9am**. Drop your bags in the Eco Hub bins anytime ahead of the date or on the morning of the collection. We must keep the bags dry, so if the bins are full pop the bags on top of the bins. Spare bags can be found in the Eco Hub or you can use your own bin bags. We get 50p per kilo so please donate as many bags as you can. The more they weigh, the more they pay!

www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect

THANK YOU FROM COBALT

Huge thanks to everyone who donate their Christmas cards to the Big Sort 2024. Donated cards will be upcycled into new cards to raise vital funds for local medical charity Cobalt. Cobalt work in partnership with the NHS to improve the lives of people affected by cancer and dementia.

www.cobalthhealth.co.uk

Did you know... Greeting cards can be recycled in the Cobalt box in the Eco Hub all year round?! Please donate all your birthday, Easter, Mother's/Father's Day, New House, Get Well Soon cards.

THANK YOU FROM TUB 2 PUB AND MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

We donated over 70 tubs to The Hatherley pub in Hatherley as part of the Tub2Pub campaign, supporting Macmillan Cancer Support. If you missed this, you can still donate your empty chocolate, sweet, biscuit and cracker tubs directly to any Greene King pub until Sun 11 Feb.

www.tub2pub.co.uk/tub2pub

THANK YOU FROM HATHERLEY WORKTOPS

Thank you to everyone who bought a Quartz Chopping Board from the school foyer these past two weeks. We sold 66 boards raising £660, with 50% going to the PTA. £330 for Hatherley Worktops and £330 for the PTA. Thank you to ex-SJP parents who own Hatherley Worktops for supporting us. If you are ever ordering worktops mention you go to St James' Primary as they offer us a special SJP PTA discount! We will do more Chopping Board Sales later in the year. www.hatherleyworktops.co.uk

SJP PTA EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT CODES

Thank you to Pat Dyer and Holly Delaney-Marsh who have given the school community an amazing 20% SJP discount from their respective businesses. I have sample G.ROBES if you would like to try one on!

Guard Surf & Protect G.ROBE – Enter **SJP20** at Checkout
www.guardprotect.co.uk/g-robe-outdoor-changing-robe
Betsy & Floss – Enter **SJPTA20** at Checkout
www.betsyandfloss.com

Thank you to all our volunteers and customers for all your continued support of the PTA. 🍷