

SJP PTA NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2024

Bag2School: Keep sorting your unwanted clothes/shoes for the next collection on **Fri 19 Jan**. 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!

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

Welcome to the first PTA Newsletter of 2024! This term is a little quieter as we build up towards the Summer Fair in July. We have lots of fun events and opportunities to volunteer coming up, please come along to our next meeting to find out more.

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

FOR SALE: SNAPPER BOOKS & OLIVE OIL

John Lewis Christmas Advert 2023 Snapper Books – £2 each (RRP £9.99). Huge thanks to Lauren Bajdala-Brown and Tracey (Community Champion) from Waitrose Cheltenham for sourcing these amazing books. If you bought the toy before Christmas, you could now get the book to match!

Olive Oil by The Olive House – £11 bottle (750ml) direct from the family olive grove in Crete, thanks to Cat Pierrepont. £2 from every purchase goes to the PTA. New delivery in January!
See Nathalie Dawson at the gates each morning this week with the correct cash.

Fri 12 Jan, 9am – COBALT – THE BIG SORT 2024 (Deadline)

Please recycle your used Christmas cards in the Cobalt spotty bags in the Eco Hub by **Fri 12 Jan 9am**. Ask your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues too. **Greeting cards can be recycled in the Cobalt box all year round!**

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

Fri 12 & 19 Jan – POPCORN CLUBS

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

Fri 12 Jan: Infant Popcorn Club (Rec-Y2) – Moana

Fri 19 Jan: Infant Popcorn Club (Y3-6) – Aladdin

Children watch a film with their friends in the hall and munch on popcorn and drink squash. Own snacks/water allowed, just NO NUTS! £4 per child. Collect 5pm from main entrance doors.

We desperately need volunteers to help at this event, or we will have to cancel!

Fri 19 Jan – BAG2SCHOOL

Our third textile collection of the year takes place in the Eco Hub on **Fri 19 Jan by 9am**. Drop your bags in the Eco Hub bins anytime ahead of the date in the bins or on the morning of the collection (we must keep the bags dry). 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 a bag or two. The more they weigh, the more they pay!

www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect

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

Our sell-out 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 20 team spaces available! 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. **Raffle prizes and volunteers needed!**

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



Please volunteer if you are able!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON 8 – FRI 12 JAN
Cobalt – The Big Sort 2024

WED 7 FEB
PTA Meeting 3

FRI 12 JAN
Infant Popcorn Club (Rec-Y2) – Moana

THU 8 FEB
Mufti Day 3
Valentine Cake Sale
Enterprise 5 World Book Day Sale

FRI 19 JAN
Bag2School 3
Junior Popcorn Club (Y3-6) – Aladdin

WED 28 FEB
Mufti Day 4

FRI 2 FEB
Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper



Facebook News: **SJP PTA**

Facebook Selling: **SJP PTA Selling Group**



Booking Tickets for our Events:

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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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FRC Financial Planning www.frcfinancialplanning.co.uk
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.



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...AND THERE'S MORE!

Wed 7 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.** 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 – 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.

Thu 8 Feb – 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 or 3 for £1.20. Cash only please!

Thu 8 Feb – ENTERPRISE 5 WORLD BOOK DAY SALE

On the same day as 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! **Onesie and costume donations welcome in the PTA Dropbox (foyer) or PTA Enterprise 5 bin (Eco Hub) all year round.**

268 LILIAN FAITHFULL CHRISTMAS CARDS!

We are thrilled to announce our children produced 268 beautiful Christmas cards which were delivered to Faithfull House on Thu 21 December. Huge thanks to Georgia B, Alex B, Eva G, Freddie G, Elsie G, Isla M, Morgan M, Maddie R, Mitch R, Poppy H and Barley F who delivered them in person. Our cards were then distributed to residents across all six homes. This is the fourth year we have joined forces with SJP parents Paul and Kate Berry from **Officeworx** and Kelly Richardson from **Lilian Faithfull Care**. Thank you everyone for helping spread some Christmas cheer. Sadly, the BBC were unable to attend as originally planned... maybe next year!

TUB 2 PUB for MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

From 1 Jan-11 Feb you can also donate your empty chocolate, sweet, biscuit and cracker tubs in the Eco Hub. Greene King pubs are selling them to plastic manufacturers and all money raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. Think Heroes, Celebrations and Quality Street!
www.tub2pub.co.uk/tub2pub

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
<https://www.guardprotect.co.uk/g-robe-outdoor-changing-robe/>
Betsy & Floss – Enter **SJPTA20** at Checkout
<https://betsyandfloss.com/>

Thank you for all your continued support of the PTA.