



**Hello and a very warm welcome to all the new families that have joined the school this year!**

**In case you were wondering...**

For those who are new to the school, the Parent Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) exists to raise extra funds for the school, having fun along the way. The money goes towards things like:

- ✚ Resources for learning – musical instruments, new books, technology
- ✚ School trips – the cost of coach hire, entrance fees etc
- ✚ Theatre visits
- ✚ Play equipment

...and more!

Every pound raised helps to make pupils' time at St Nicholas even better. Something we can all agree is a very worthwhile cause. St Nicholas PTFA is also going to gain charitable status which means that we will be able to apply for more funding and get Gift Aid on donations.

### **Events coming up this term**



**TODAY: Acorns and Chestnuts' Cake Sale:** These are usually very popular so if you love baking (or want to buy some cakes for the stall, we won't tell!) we would really welcome your donations. Other cake sales will follow in the coming months.

### **In the lead up to Christmas**

- ✚ **Sponsored Climb:** Last year this was a huge fundraising success. Clayesmore have kindly offered their facilities again. KS2 pupils will be invited to take part – this is a great opportunity, not to be missed. Date TBC.
- ✚ **KS2 Disco:** This will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Helpes are required.
- ✚ **Christmas raffle:** We need prizes! Last year local businesses were extremely generous. Do you have a business you would like to promote? Do you work for a café or shop that might be able to donate a prize?
- ✚ **Nativity plays:** We will be raising funds by selling teas and coffees – helpers are needed to help serve teas and coffees at the following times:
  - December 6<sup>th</sup>: Year 1 Nativity 2pm and 6pm
  - December 7<sup>th</sup>: Reception Nativity 2pm and 6pm
  - December 12<sup>th</sup>: Year 2 Nativity 2pm and 6pm
- ✚ **School Christmas party:** 14<sup>th</sup> December. Helpers are needed for this event which is held during the school day so if you would like to help make it extra special for the children, please drop us a line.

Lots more events are in the pipeline for 2018. If you have any ideas for future fundraising events please get in touch.

## Thank you!



Firstly, a huge thank you to you all those who sponsored the children in their Sponsored Bounce. A great time was had by all. £1100 was raised which has covered the cost of Maths No Problem, a brilliant maths teaching resource.

A big thank you – and congratulations - also go to committee member Alice Chapman (pictured) who completed the Bournemouth Marathon in an amazing 4 hours 16 minutes, raising over £500 for the school.

## Get involved, make friends, make things happen

As anyone who volunteers knows it can be extremely rewarding and fun. Volunteering for the PTFA is also a great way to get to know the school and make new friends. You can give as much or as little time as you are able to and no experience is necessary.

**The PTFA committee** meets every few months to discuss new ideas and plan events

**PTFA Helpers** are contacted when help is needed for a particular event. As a helper you might choose to help out at one event or ten, it's up to you. If you would like to join the Helpers' mailing list please email us (see details below).

You can also help out by fundraising. If you have a specific idea for an event we would love to hear from you.

## How to get in touch

If you've not signed up already, search for SNSCO Mums and Dads on Facebook to join our network. You can contact us via email at [PTFAStnicholasprimary@gmail.com](mailto:PTFAStnicholasprimary@gmail.com). Alternatively come and find any committee members at the school gate. We are always happy to answer any questions you have.

## Committee

We are very pleased to welcome Sophie Cooper (Mum to Tilly) to the PTFA Committee. Thank you Sophie!

**Chair: Tanya Mason-Flynn** (Children: Izzy, Nati and Jacob)

**Vice-Chair: MJ Wright** (Martha)

**Treasurer: Carol Wee** (Finlay)

**Secretary: Katie Morton** (Jacob)

**Emma West** (Molly)

**Claire Feltham** (Harry)

**Sophie Cooper** (Tilly)

**Alice Chapman** (Olivia)

...and if you've read this far, congratulations. The PTFA would like to wish you all a fantastic Half Term Holiday.