PTA Newsletter

The PTA held their AGM on 21st September with a few new faces in attendance, including the school's new headteacher, Ms Brierley. The elected committee for this year is:

Chair – Vic Marsh
Vice Chair – Danielle Di Lorenzo
Secretary – Gemma Shrubbs
Treasurer – Claire Walton
Media – Laura Fell
with Clare Hayes joining as a new trustee.

During the AGM, we collated ideas for fundraising activities and, more importantly, how best to use the funds. Last year, with your support, the PTA raised £6,485! During the year the PTA funds paid for a theatre visit, an author visit, musical instruments, school leaver's gifts, easter eggs, sports day ice pops to name a few. Our focus for this year and next is to improve the outdoor provision and repurpose some of the now empty classrooms as a sensory room, art/DT and music room.

What's on…?

Winter Fair – 4th December 4:30 – 7pm

Our Winter Fair, as always will start with the Christmas light switch on and carols around the Christmas tree. There will be plenty of craft, games and food stalls, hotdogs, mince pies, Lebkuchen, mulled wine and hot chocolate.

With such a variety of stalls and activities on offer, we need many **volunteers** to help set up and/or help run the various stalls. Please sign up using the What's App group, even if you can only help for 30 minutes.

This is also a polite plea for **donations.**

We would really appreciate donations for:

Washed, clean soft toys for the Teddy Tombola.
Bags/tubs of individually wrapped (nut-free) sweets/chocolates for the sweet tombola.
Cakes for the cake stall.

Elfridges – 10th December – during the school day

Your child can come along to 'Elfridges', a pop-up shop, to do their Christmas shopping during the school day. They can choose gifts for parents, grandparents or other significant adults and help wrap it with one of our volunteers. Please note there are no children's gifts. Tickets are £5 and are available on the PTA website. The booking information will ask who the children is buying a gift/s for.

Volunteers are needed to help on the day please.



PTA website and contact

Tickets for PTA events are purchased through the website: **www.pta-events.co.uk/bottisham-pta/#.Y2qS5aSnydM**
Any queries, please contact us using the What's App PTA Helper group or by email bottishamprimarypta@gmail.com
If you are able to offer your support at any of the events throughout the year, there is a **What's App group for PTA Helpers**. This is the link to the group: https://chat.whatsapp.com/B6Akz23kOAuALtlpalgsy4

Ongoing fundraising

Easy fundraising

We have set up an account with easyfundraising. It's such a simple way to raise money for our school! Simply download the app, create a log-in and accept donations when you shop online. We have raised £190 so far in only a few months with a handful of people signed up.

When you shop with over 8,000 retailers through easyfundraising, they'll donate a percentage to the school. You pay exactly the same prices as you normally would.

You can raise free donations every time you shop online with #easyfundraising – it's such a simple way to make a difference.

Want to get involved?

Sign up for free and turn your online shopping for Black Friday and Christmas into donations for our cause, at no extra cost to you! Sign up through the app now and BCPS will get an extra £2 donation:

https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bottisham-community-primary-school-pta/lbacrt/2pae/tzanbMkd/DSN6C/textcopy/



Nathan's Wastesavers textiles bank

The textiles bank is located next to the driveway of the caretaker's house. The more textiles (by weight) collected, the more money raised for the PTA. **Last year the clothing bank raised £307.** Please see the table below for what is accepted and what is not accepted.

Accepted	Not accepted
Wearable clothes	Workwear
Paired shoes	Uniform
Handbags	Curtains
Belts	Duvets or covers
	Pillows or cases
	Blankets
	Table clothes
	Linens
	Towels
	Cushions
	Carpets
	Books
	Clothes hangers
	Bric-a-brac
	Electrical items

Thank you for your continued support!