PTFA NEWSLETTER

Happy Halloween – Oct '26

FUNDRAISING

We've had a fun-filled and incredibly successful month of fundraising! Kicking things off was our Boogie Night Halloween Disco, which raised an amazing £290.10. We've had some fantastic feedback and the children's smiling faces and brilliant dance moves really did say it all! We also sold some of our remaining lucky dip bags, raising a further £29.50.

And finally, the debut of Ditton's Scarecrow Trail! We have been completely overwhelmed by the effort people went to when creating their scarecrows, the number of families who purchased maps and took part, and the wonderful feedback we've received along the way. It has been absolutely lovely seeing so many people out and about enjoying the village, following their maps and visiting all the fantastic creations. We honestly couldn't be happier with how the event went, and we're delighted to announce that the trail raised a fantastic £214.

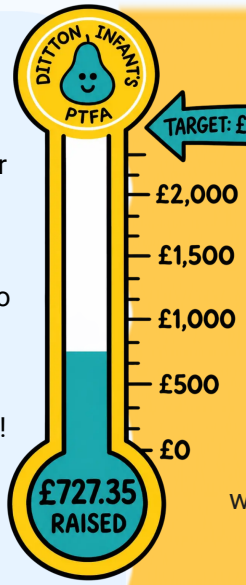
This brings our total profit for the school year so far to £727.35 – a brilliant achievement!

We're already putting your fundraising efforts to good use. We're delighted to have funded the beautiful new library mural (sneak peek below!), created over half term by the very talented local artist Grayce Lawry. A huge thank you to Grayce for her hard work and creativity. You can see more of the finished mural over on our Facebook page. We have also purchased a brand-new stage, giving the children a wonderful space for their productions, performances, assemblies and events.

None of this would be possible without the support of our wonderful school community. Every purchase, donation, volunteer hour and bit of encouragement really does make a difference. Thank you!



THANKYOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



APPRECIATION CORNER

A huge thank you to Tesco for kindly donating crisps for our Boogie Night Disco, and to 1st Ditton Scouts for lending us their disco lights. We're also incredibly grateful to all the parents, teachers and TAs who volunteered their time to help make the event such a success.

We'd also like to say a massive thank you to everyone who made a scarecrow for our village trail. The effort, creativity and enthusiasm everyone put in has been amazing, and we've received some fantastic feedback! We hope this will become an annual event for our village to enjoy for years to come. Finally, a special thank you to Urban Framers for their extremely generous donation of a prize for our scarecrow trail winners. We couldn't have done it without you all!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thankyou to everyone who attended our AGM or took the time to vote for our committee members. We had a really positive morning with some fantastic discussions! An AGM overview will be shared shortly, and the full minutes are available on request. Thank you for your continued support!

UP NEXT

You should all have received your Christmas card ordering QR code at the end of term. Please remember that orders need to be returned by Tuesday 10th November. The PTFA receives commission on every item purchased, so your orders help support our school!

You will also have received an Elfridges form, which must be returned by Friday 13th November. This year, the children will enjoy their Elfridges shopping during the school day on Tuesday 1st December.

Our Christmas Jumper Swap and Treat Sale will take place on Friday 27th November. We'd be grateful for donations of pre-loved children's Christmas jumpers, which can be dropped off at the school office. We're excited to support our community this Christmas, making the festivities accessible for families while upholding the school's Eco Code through reuse and recycling.

Finally, we're busy planning our Merry Little Market, which will coincide with the children's carol concert again this year. More details coming soon!



We need your CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

Second-Hand Christmas Jumper Swap









We're delighted to be organising a second-hand Christmas Jumper Swap, helping our school families reuse, recycle and share a little festive cheer.

If you have any children's good-condition, outgrown Christmas jumpers, we'd be very grateful for your donation. Please bring them to the school office by Friday 20th November, or contact us via our PTFA Facebook inbox to arrange collection.





Thank you so much for helping us make Christmas a little more sustainable – and a little more joyful!