



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

17 October 2024

A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello everyone,

As you may have seen, **the tickets** for the **Silent Fireworks** are now **on sale**. For £5 you get a family ticket, which gives entry for up to two adults and three children. If any extra grownups want to come they can by purchasing an additional adult ticket for just £3. The tickets include hot chocolate on the day too! **Key Stage 1** have their display on **Tuesday, 5th November** and **Key Stage 2** are on **Friday, 8th**. Tickets are on sale at pickup and drop off for the rest of this week and when we return after half-term.

In other good news, our **Smartie Challenge winners** have been able to enjoy their **well-earned prize** for raising the most money as a class during the challenge in the spring. They requested a visit to Soft Play and we happily obliged.

Thank you for the continuous **donations** to the **school pantry** that are still coming in. We are working on a permanent "Donation Station" within the School as has been requested by many parents and carers who wish to continually support this initiative.

A parent at our recent Welcome Back Coffee Morning came up with a great suggestion of **Year-specific coffee mornings** so parents and carers can become more acquainted and meet with the teachers and other parents for a friendly informal chat. We are excited to announce that this will be happening with a couple of coffee mornings per term, starting with a Reception-focused coffee morning shortly so keep an eye out as the dates get announced. This is a superb example of parents and the School working swiftly together and more positive change being created through the liaison with the PTA. Your ideas are welcome and heard, believe me.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Half Term

Mon, 21 Oct - Fri, 1 Nov

PTA Meeting

Wed, 6 November

Silent Firework Display

Tue, 5 November - EYFS & KS1

Fri, 8 November - KS2



HOW TO CONTACT US

- You are more than welcome to talk to us at drop off and pick up
- You can e-mail us at johnkeats.pta@icloud.com
- Leave us a message in the PTA post box by the Parent Information Board (school back entrance)



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We have seen growth in the **Year Group WhatsApp Chats** which is just what we wanted. There will be some common sense usage guidelines that will be pinned in all the chats shortly. The eagle-eyed ones among us will have noticed that Nursery did not have a group chat; well guess what, they do now! The QR code is below and will be displayed alongside the other classes on the window by the main gate.

You should all have seen the message from the School about their involvement with **Place2Be**. This is an **incredible resource** for all of us (children, teachers, parents and carers) to improve and enhance **mental health and wellbeing**. From the PTA, many congratulations to the School for establishing this connection for enhanced support for us all!

Finally, we wish you all a happy half-term holiday and we look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks for the fireworks!

Best wishes,
Bali

Parents & Carers WhatsApp Groups

Nursery



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

