



'Community enrichment through fun and fundraising'

January 2023

A Colourful Calendar for 2023



We hope everyone enjoyed a restful Christmas and New Year break.

As we return to school and start to notice the evenings getting slightly brighter (and hopefully soon the weather!) the PTA are planning a colourful set of events to start 2023.

Kicking off with Crazy Hair Day last Friday which is becoming a popular regular event, we soon have our Smartie Fundraising Challenge (more information to follow) and are starting to plan our Sunflower Growing Competition before Easter and our next Colour Run in May. For adult members of our community we are excited to announce our first upcoming Wine Tasting Event. Make sure you save the dates and book once available.

A very big thank you to everyone who helped to organise, volunteer and support our Christmas Events. Overall we raised over £4k — an amazing total. Thank you to Anne-Marie and Sarah Smith—Winter Wonderland (£3K), and Christmas Trees (£140), Georgine Treharne, Toy Valentine, Ashlee Howell and Rachael McLean Anderson—Christmas Wreath Making (£770), Victoria Tebbett—Christmas Puddings (£150), Leigh-Ann Herman—Second Hand Uniform (£100). This is on top of a record-breaking £9.5k raised from our annual Fireworks evening! Well done everyone!

As we look forward to Easter and beyond we're planning another Colour Run following the popularity of the event last year. Tickets will be on sale before Easter.

We hope everyone enjoys our rainbow of activities planned. Please do volunteer to make these events a success.

Anne-Marie, PTA Chair



Don't forget to like our Stamford Green PTA Facebook page and keep up-to-date with news



The next PTA meeting will take place on 21.2.23 at The Cricketers. Please do come along and get involved.



Congratulations to our recent winners.

December - Mrs Biggins-Evans

January - Mrs Salmons

Dates for your diary

2nd Hand Uniform Sale - Tuesday 31 January



The next sale is coming up. Please leave any donations with the school office.

Wine Tasting Evening



**Saturday 4 February
7.30pm - 10.00pm**

A few tickets remaining. A great event with an expert to guide you through some new wines

Cushion Club - 11 February



SOLD OUT! Look out for tickets for our next event planned before Easter

Smartie Fundraising - 3 - 24 February

Enjoy some helping hands and raise funds over half term for the PTA. Letter to follow shortly



Easter Disco - 23 March

A great event for the children in Y1 - Y6 with fantastic music and dancing with friends

Other events/dates:

- Sunflower Growing - launches before Easter
- Easter Hamper Raffle - draw just before Easter
- Quiz Night - pre-Easter date TBC
- Colour Run 20 May

Do you fancy learning a bit more about wine other than you like to drink it?

Grab yourself a ticket and come along to a fun wine tasting evening run by wine professional David Woodall. David has been hosting wine-themed events for over 20 years having held the Wine & Spirit Education Trust Diploma since 2001.

Woody is prepared to "speak as he finds, and question what is printed on labels or on wine-sellers' promotional material"

Encouraging and welcoming - everyone's views are valid!

Your ticket includes:

- 🍷 Introduction to wine tasting techniques
- 🍷 Tasting 8 wines based around a common theme
- 🍷 Exploring different grapes and how they compare
- 🍷 Fun team-based wine quiz with prizes for the winners
- 🍷 A selection of cheese, crackers and crisps to nibble on during the evening



Wine with Woody

Having fun whilst demystifying the world of wine

When: Saturday 4th Feb
Where: Stamford Green School
Time: 7:30-10pm
Ticket price: £20pp
Only 36 tickets available - so get yours quick!
Purchase on the PTA events webpage.
All profits from the evening go to the PTA.

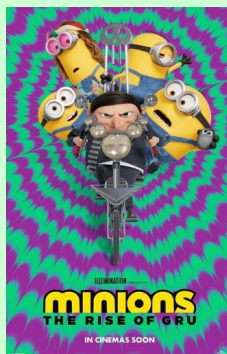
Smartie Fundraising Challenge - 3 - 24 February

Prior to half term each child will receive a FULL packet of smarties which they are tasked with;

1. Eating
2. Filling with small change earned from undertaking chores and tasks to help family and friends.

We hope parents and carers will enjoy a lot of helping hands over half term! Please return the earned donations by Friday 24th February.

More information to follow shortly



Y1 - Y6 Cushion Club - Saturday 11 February 2.30pm - 4.30pm

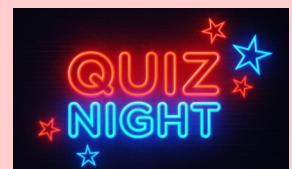
The PTA are delighted to be bringing back the popular Cushion Club to Stamford Green. Grab cinema style popcorn and soft drink and enjoy a great movie with friends. What's not to love!

The 60 tickets for our first event on 11 February sold out in 8 hours! The good news is that another is being planned before Easter and this date will be shared shortly. If you didn't manage to get a ticket for the first one, don't miss out for CC2!

No tickets are required and a register will be generated. Children attending the event will need to arrive and be collected from the East Gate. No child will be allowed to

Quiz Night

Details for our FANTASTIC annual Quiz night are being finalised and will be shared shortly.



Easter Disco - 23 March

Given quite how busy the pre-Christmas period is for everyone, what used to be our PTA Christmas Disco has now moved to March.

The children in Y1 - Y6 can join us for some bopping, boogying and strutting their stuff!



Tickets on sale after half term and times will be confirmed then.

Easter Raffle - draw before Easter

You've got to be in it to win it!

We will be running a raffle before Easter to win a fabulous Easter Egg hamper.

Everyone will think the Easter bunny has arrived early to your house. Yummy!

Tickets on sale after half term.



PTA Party Packs

We highlighted this in our last PTA newsletter but on 9 January the BBC reported that single-use plastic cutlery and plates will be banned in England. Government figures suggest that 1.1 billion single-use plates and more than four billion pieces of plastic cutlery are used in England every year. Plastic waste often does not decompose and can last in landfill for many years. [Single-use plastic cutlery and plates to be banned in England - BBC News](#)



So why not make use of our PTA Party Packs initiative? Our PTA supports an eco-friendly initiative which involves renting out a party pack to anyone planning a child's birthday party or any type of celebration.

The packs are only £10 to rent and include 40 cups/bowls/plates and 10 serving plates and 2 reusable table cloths.

If you would like to rent these please get in touch with us. ptastamfordgreen@gmail.com



PTA Colour Run - Saturday 20 May 2023 - Save the Date

Our PTA recently featured in the Spring Edition of the national PTA+ Magazine ([PTA+ Magazine Spring 2023 :: 40 \(yudu.com\)](https://www.pta.org.uk/magazine)). It's back by popular demand this year!

Help with planning, increasing attendance and maximising profit

+ Events

'Our brilliant colour run raised over £6,000'

By 4pm, the children were unrecognisable. Having arrived in clean white T-shirts, they now resembled walking rainbows after enjoying our first PTA colour run. Our mission is to bring community engagement through fun and fundraising, and a colour run seemed like a perfect fit. The purpose of the run is to cross the finish line, covered head to toe in vibrantly coloured powder – this matters much more than the speed of your running! It was important to be inclusive, so we priced entry tickets at the break-even point of £8.50 per child. At this price, we could buy enough powder for each lap of the course and provide everyone with a pack containing a sachet of coloured powder, a course map, a good quality medal, a race number and a voucher for food and drink.

Parents could accompany their children for free. To make a profit, we asked the children to collect sponsorship money which we organised online using the BOPP digital fundraising tool, which allowed

us to claim 25% Gift Aid on all donations. We sold over 400 tickets in the lead-up to race day. Once we knew the numbers, we ordered coloured powder from a company based in the Netherlands called Kingdom of Colour, which offers a product that is both environmentally friendly and safe for children with allergies.

Our volunteers arrived early, ready to set up the course, direct the runners and cover them in colour. One dad acted as master of ceremonies and helped commentate – greeting arrivals, recording times for each wave and cheering children on as they ran. Another volunteer held a warm-up session with the children, getting them lunging and stretching.

Suddenly the runners were off with a burst of colour released from large powder-filled fire extinguishers. The younger children managed a 1km lap while some older runners completed the course three times before returning for their medals and a drink. After that, it was time for our much-anticipated colour party.

There were nearly 1,000 people in attendance, and as we danced among the rainbow of powder, it felt like a massive community festival. We donned goggles and sunglasses and threw cups full of colour into the air.

Parents and pupils performed live music as everyone headed to the barbecue, where our amazing teachers served up hot dogs and burgers. As they spent time catching up with friends, the parents seemed only too happy to spend money at the barbecue and bar.

The event was only possible thanks to the parents and teachers who spent their day volunteering. We made nearly £1,800 in sponsorship plus £400 from Gift Aid. The remainder came from food and drink. From the proceeds, we ordered a Crinkle Crag Climber for our long-term Path of Adventures project on the school field. We were thrilled, and the event will, quite literally, run again next year! **Louise Dennis, bulletin editor, Stamford Green Primary School PTA, Epsom, Surrey (715 pupils)**

AS TOLD TO JANNA SCOTT, IMAGE: FIONA@FORMALLIFE/PHOTOGRAPHY.COM

WATCH

A video of the event on Twitter at <https://bit.ly/3KTjptJ>

