



# PISA News

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your handy guide to Petersfield Infant School Association!

## End of Term

Well, we made it, folks! It's the end of term and Christmas is around the corner. It's been a busy old one, hasn't it?!

As a PTA we've had coffee mornings, two bake sales, a raffle, our Cauliflower Cards Christmas initiative, a Halloween costume swap, mini photo shoots with Adela Pike and of course the Christmas Fair; and, as a school, the children have enjoyed a plethora of extra-curricular shenanigans, including: theatre workshops, woodland days, singing at the switch-on of the town Christmas lights, scooter and skateboard training, their Nativity plays, the Scholastic book fair, Sports for Schools, their Christingle services, class assemblies and their class Christmas parties to mention just a few.

It's been a wee bit hectic at times, but as we say, we've all made it through and now it's time for rest and recoup before next term!

## Thank Yous

We would be utterly remiss if we didn't take a moment to acknowledge the amazing support we have received from so many people this term; in our (slightly intimidating!) debut outing as a new committee, we've been bowled over by how many of you have helped us out, or volunteered your time or just taken a moment to find us in the playground and say how much you've enjoyed an event, or that you like what we're doing - so thank you: there is a lot of hard work that goes on behind the scenes when it comes to running PISA, so your support is so appreciated and valued!

We'd like to give particular shout outs to **Mrs Amor**, who continues to act as our 'person on the inside' within the School, she does a fantastic job liaising between PTA and School; to **all the ladies in the Office** who put up with our constant bombardment of questions and emails and general haranguing, **Steve, the caretaker** who is always one-step ahead and continues to be incredibly patient with us (even when we ask for whiteboards at the last minute!), and to **Katherine, a Penguins parent**, who took us up on our Great PISA Sewing Bee plea and put some old school uniforms to use, making them into the most gorgeous bunting!



## Our Fundraising Goals

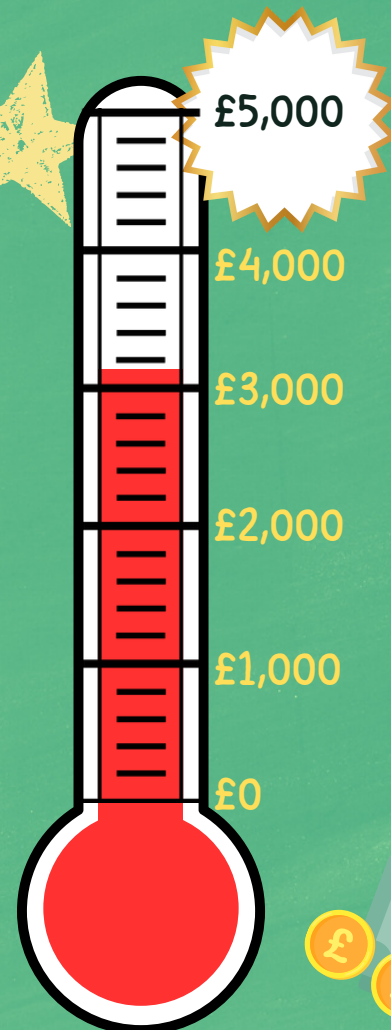
As the PTA organisation for the School, one of our key reasons for being is to fundraise: to raise money that enables the School to add to the experiences our children have, and benefit from, during their time at Petersfield Infant School.

This academic year, the School have asked us to fundraise for two main projects: firstly for the expansion of **the provision in Year 1 for outdoor learning**, and secondly for **the refurbishment of the School library**. A proposal has now also been submitted requesting money that would enable **a children's author** to come visit the school in the run-up to World Book Day.

Our Bonfire Bakes Cake Sale, and our Cauliflower Cards initiative raised £706.10 and we are very pleased to announce that we raised a record-breaking amount through our Christmas events this term, with our final count being a whopping...

**£3199.00**

...which is just brilliant news and means we are well on our way to being able to fund all the things the school has in the pipeline. Thank you and congratulations! What an incredible total to end the year on!



Did you take photos at the Christmas Fair? If so, and you're happy to share them with us, please send them to the PISA WhatsApp chat, or if you'd prefer to, you can send them via direct message to one of our committee members.





## The Christmas Raffle

Congratulations to our Christmas Raffle winners and a huge thank you to both **Sarah Nutbrown** for the time she spent running around town getting donations and organising everything, and to all the local residents and businesses that so kindly donated prizes; we'd like to say a belated thank you to the **Winton Players**, who donating their prize on the day of the Fair itself, missed out on being featured in our Raffle Prizes leaflet.

## Embarrassing Sara

*A word from Co-Chair, Issy...*

The Christmas Fair was a huge success and it wouldn't have been so without the careful positioning of all the various cogs that make the machine, as a whole, work.

She's going to be mortified I've said this; but, regardless, I'd like to say a huge thank you to my Co-Chair, Sara who had the responsibility of coordinating the Fair volunteer rota, organising the format of the event and herding volunteers - and she just did the most outstanding job.

Sara, you are fab - from everyone, thank you!

## Christmas Recycling

Come January, when you go to take your Christmas decorations down, if you have old Christmas cards that you're only going to bung in the recycling bin; please bring them into school, where there will be a letter box for you to post them into, as we'd love to repurpose them and make them into gift tags for next year's Wrapping Room.

## Shout-Outs

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, came along to and donated things for our Christmas Fair this year.

We wanted to say thank you to you all, but also especially to the following people, who we are calling our 'On The Day Heroes':

**Mr Turner** and **Mrs Downer** - who both stayed considerably later on their stalls than they were scheduled to; **Kirsty (Whales parent)** who sat in the cold all afternoon manning the Tokens table and **Suzy (Seals parent)** for last-minute services rendered to the Glitter Tattoo stall!



## Upcoming Events

If you haven't already, please do, as you sit on the sofa on Boxing Day, too full of food to move, take a moment to complete our Parent Survey. The survey helps us form a better idea of what you would like to see going on at the school, helps us to recruit volunteers and gives you a heads-up on some of the events we are planning next year.

It takes less than a minute to do and you can go straight to the link by scanning the QR code, shown right.

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## Treasurer & Vice Treasurer

We're sad to say that this term was the last term, serving on the committee, for our Treasury Team, Gemma Booty and Gillian Young. Gemma and Gillian have given a lot of time over the years to helping PISA grow and become the association it is today, so we'd like to say a very big 'thank you, ladies' for all that you have done.

So, suffice to say, we are now looking for somebody new to fill Gemma and Gillian's roles! Could it be you?

The roles do not have to be filled in any particular format, we could have stand-alone positions or the roles could be shared two, or even three, ways.

Do you have a budding passion for maths? Are organised and au fait with managing finances? Perhaps you're an accountant or an investment analyst, perhaps you have successfully run your own business or managed a corporate account; it doesn't matter what background you come from you just need the basic skills to be able to manage the role.

Treasury position holders will need to be able to:

- Keep a record of all PISA finances, reconcile all income (event payments, donations etc.) and expenditure.
- Keep copies of all receipts
- Complete the Charity Commission annual return
- Be a signatory on the PISA bank account (2 people sign off on all payment)
- Prepare floats for events
- Take card payments

If you are interested in either the Treasurer or Vice Treasurer role, please drop us an email at:  
[1894pisa@gmail.com](mailto:1894pisa@gmail.com)



You cast the play, you learned the songs,  
You made fire-safe Christingles  
You didn't catch the class' nits  
Or noro, or the shingles.

You weren't violent with the staple gun  
You took scooter and skateboard lessons,  
You wore odd socks, taught kids Trick Box  
And survived Parent/Teacher sessions.

You played air guitar in rockstar gear,  
You heard Little Wandle on repeat  
You wore Lycra and got sporty  
And unblocked your class ensuite.

One term down, just two to go;  
You've more than earned a rest  
So here are some bits to counteract  
that Infants' Christmas stress!

We're so grateful for all you do  
You're such an inspiration.  
Merry Christmas, love Petersfield  
Infant School Association.



## Staff Thank Yous

As a small token of our appreciation, PISA put together some 'R and R' gift bags for the staff, containing some tea, chocolates and smellies to say thank you for all they have done for our children this year.

For those of you wondering where the money came from to do this, the gifts were donated by a PISA member and did not cost the Association any more than the cost of the paper bags we presented them in.

The staff were absolutely delighted to receive these and we were chuffed to be able to recognise all their hard work, even if only in a small way.

The poem we wrote to attach to the bags is shown left for you to enjoy too!

## Final Thoughts

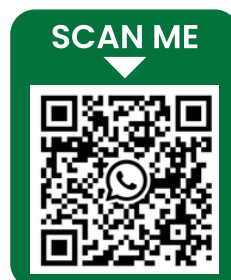
Well, that's pretty much it from our end of things, like everything else school-wise, we'll be signing off now for the Christmas break, because (contrary to popular myth, we don't actually live in the PISA shed!) - but we will check-in on our emails and WhatsApp chat occasionally.

With emails in mind, the eagle-eyed amongst you will have spotted that we have a new email address, so please do make a note of that as we will be winding down the old one, and we don't want your messages to get lost!

Our new email address is: **1894pisa@gmail.com**

We've made the change to ensure that we are using the most efficient email server we can be, we've chosen to incorporate the year the school was founded both in an attempt to make our email address memorable, but also to give some of you at least ONE correct answer at this year's Quiz Night!

The rest of our contact details remain exactly the same and, as ever, you can join our PISA WhatsApp chat by scanning the link shown here.



Have a very Happy Christmas and we will see you again, for more Petersfield Infant School Association fun, when school returns on Wednesday 3rd January 2024!