



Panshanger Primary School

PTA Newsletter - Autumn 2021



A warm welcome to a new school year and especially to all new parents! It's been a very challenging year for us all but with the support of parents and the amazing school staff, the PTA has still been able to fundraise this last year with some *fantastic* plans for the year ahead! Read on for more information...

YOUR PTA COMMITTEE

We are all volunteers and ALL parents at the school are automatically members of the PTA so if you wish to get involved to help fundraise and enrich the children's school life or have any questions, please contact pta@panshanger.herts.sch.uk or speak to your class rep! The lead PTA positions were voted in at the AGM:

- Chair – Gareth Turner
- Vice Chairs – Jo Burden & Karen Collie
- Treasurer – Kelly-Ann Mills
- Secretary – Lucie Theobould
- Gift Aid Co-ordinator – Natalie McCarthy

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have lots of exciting plans for the year ahead including some old favourites and keeping some of the great ideas we had during the pandemic. The next events are:

- Fri 15th Oct: Film night: Peter Rabbit 2
- Thu 21st Oct: Winter Coat Sale
- Sat 6th Nov: Fireworks (@ Springmead School)
- Fri 17th Dec: Christmas Film Night - TBC
- Fri 14th Jan: New Year Disco

AND MANY MORE. Keep an eye on our social media pages for all the latest news and events:

[facebook.com/panshangerpta](https://www.facebook.com/panshangerpta)
[instagram.com/panshangerpta](https://www.instagram.com/panshangerpta)



ONLINE SHOPPING

We mention these a lot, but for good reason! Using these two costs you nothing extra, but the PTA receives a cut...

THE GIVING MACHINE – Check out the app or the website and use whenever you shop online and The Giving Machine will donate via a wide variety of retailers. When using for the first time, remember to include Panshanger Primary School under 'My Causes'.



AMAZON SMILE – Visit smile.amazon.co.uk on your PC or laptop then activate Amazon Smile in your Amazon app selecting Panshanger Primary School PTA as your chosen charity.



URGENT NEWS - THE 100 CLUB!



Want to join our 100 Club with a chance to win £100 each month of the school year? Only a few numbers remaining!! Please email 100clubpta@gmail.com or come along at drop off (8:15-8:45am) Thurs 14th Oct to sign up in cash and get your number(s) there and then!

FUNDRAISING / DONATIONS

Despite Covid-19, with your support, the PTA has managed some fantastic fundraising this year!! Some highlights (there's lots more we can't fit on!):

- Swimming Pool Hire £2700
- Summer Fair £1456
- Tesco grant £1000
- 100 Club £934
- Tea towels £306
- Panshanger Gin £111
- Ecolids clothing £158
- Smarties challenge £514

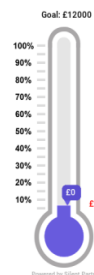


But the biggest news from last year was that the PTA has been successful in securing a massive and incredible £50k grant from the Welwyn Hatfield Community Fund!!! In total, we raised an amazing £61k last year which means we can now press ahead with the repairs the pool needs for next year and beyond!!

As we now have sufficient funds to make the necessary changes to the structure, our focus for fundraising in 21/22 will be updating the heating system. Currently the pool is heated using the school

gas boiler so we would like to be able to fund a state of art Heat Pump system which will not only reduce the cost burden to the school, but also produce less CO2.

Future newsletters will show this thermometer so you can see our progress!



If you have any questions or are interested in helping out at our events then please speak to your class rep!