



PTA Newsletter February 2022

So the school's big covid outbreak seems to have thankfully passed, and we're on a countdown to a half term break where we might even get some sunshine. 🌞

We have been busy bees behind the scenes this term and wanted to update you all on what's happening.



Dates For Your Diary

Fri 18th Feb - Pizza and Cookie Night

Hopefully everyone who wanted to has remembered to order their kits.

These will be available for collection after school on Friday, we're aiming to get all the kits in bags to give to your eldest children as they leave their classrooms.

Thurs 3rd Mar - World Book Day Reading Challenge

You can get a head start on the reading challenges over half term, why not try to raise some sponsorship to help fund some new books for the school libraries and reading schemes.

Weekend 12/13th Mar - Roller-skating

We hope to host a roller skating event at Theale Green School. Watch this space for further details.

Mon 21st Mar - Mothers day shop

The children will once again be able to buy their Mother's Day presents in school, during school hours. More details to follow.

Mon 4th Apr - Easter egg orienteering

The children will be able to hunt for Easter clues around school to win an Easter Egg. To take place after school - 3.30pm

Weds 3rd May - Bags 2 school

Save this date and keep hold of any clothes you might be sorting out over the holidays. We will once again be collecting to raise money for the school.

Fri 13th May - Pottery painting evening

One for the grown ups. Join us for an evening of informal pottery painting (courtesy of Mad Hatters) and chatter with a fully licensed bar in the school hall.

Fri 20th May - Mystery event for the kids

Save the date (after school) - more details to follow.

Fri 17th June - Doughnuts for Dads!

Join us after school to purchase your doughnuts for an early Fathers Day present. Plenty to go round, Mums welcome too!



Extra special date!

Sat 25th June - Long Lane Summer Festival

Save the date! (mid afternoon - early evening)
Lots more details to follow but we'd love as many families as possible to attend.



Next Committee meeting

Mon 28th Feb 2022 @ 6.30pm - Virtual meeting—on Teams

If you'd like to hear what we're discussing, please join us on Teams using this link.
We promise you won't be tied in to helping out but if you'd like to then we'd be very grateful!

<https://tinyurl.com/LLPTAFeb22>



Ink Bin

There is a "bin" in the school office to collect all your used home printer ink cartridges. Any brand of ink welcome, just no toner / laser printer cartridges please.

ALL cartridges will be recycled, and if we get any branded **HP** or **Canon**, these will make money for the school.

Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Please consider donating good condition used uniform to our shop.

If you need to purchase anything, please send an email with the item & size you require to llpta@yahoo.com

Terracycle

Please see Helen's Facebook page to see all the things we collect for recycling to raise money for the school.

(you don't need a FB account to view)

<https://www.facebook.com/WRRRRAS/>

Ongoing Fundraising

Amazon Smile

If you shop on Amazon, you can raise money for our school with every purchase.

Just Select the main menu (=) on the app & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programmes & Features.

Select **Long Lane PTA** as your chosen charity and that's it! You'll be earning us money every time you shop.

West Berkshire lottery

Do you want a chance to win up to £25,000 every week, whilst also supporting local causes, and raising money for the school? For just £1 a week you can be in with a chance. Check our page for more details.

<https://www.westberkshirelottery.co.uk/support/long-lane-primary-school-pta>

Name labels

The time has come where you may be starting to get new summer uniform - don't forget to label EVERYTHING! Whether you prefer to stick-on, iron-on or even stamp-on, our affiliate links will mean you can raise money for Long Lane with every purchase.

stikins.co.uk

Enter code **12534** - PTA gets 30% of your spend

stampstastic.co.uk

Enter **RG316YG** in Discount Code box - PTA gets 15%

This also gets you £4.99 discount on

"School Name Labels Deluxe Bundle" (RRP £26.99)

MyNametags.com

Enter School ID **21537** - PTA gets 24%

Discount code **SCHOOLS5** for 5% off your order

Cashback sites

If you regularly shop online, using cashback sites you can join to earn a small percentage of every purchase for your chosen charity. Once you've created an account, all you have to do is remember to click on your chosen cashback site and select your chosen retailer through their site.

[Giving machine](#) - they will pay us your earnings directly

[Top cashback](#) - when you earn enough money for a payout, you can select Long Lane as your chose charity to receive your earnings.

What your money means to the school...

It might sometimes seem like we're constantly fundraising and you don't have visibility of where that money is spent. Here are some of the things we have bought this term or are planning to spend imminently.

The ongoing **outdoor landscaping project** is still being planned. Whilst it has not yet picked up speed, PTA money has been ring fenced to spend on certain priorities. There are plans to fence in the **outside area of the Y6 classroom** so the children can enjoy outdoor learning like the rest of the school.

The curriculum has recently changed for year 6, so to enable all children to have access to the **learning materials** in class, the PTA are funding new resources so the children can start using them ASAP.

You may have noticed a new **Terracycle shed** has popped up near the gate to the school field. The PTA have funded this to help Helen and her Terracycle helpers store our rubbish before it gets sorted and sent off for recycling. Everything they send off raises money for the school.

The **School WiFi** infrastructure is old now and some areas of the school struggle to get good enough broadband speeds to keep up with demand. The PTA are donating funds to pay for half of an upcoming upgrade which is due to take place over the Easter holidays.

Other projects which will be started ASAP are the creation of a **wildlife area**, including trees & a cabin and also a **long jump / sand pit**.