

### Introduction

Hello & welcome to our January newsletter! We hope all of our Parkgate Primary families had a fantastic Christmas break, and that the children have enjoyed the first few weeks back at school. Read on for the PTA news from last term, and info on events coming up!

### Halloween Events

During the first half term, 170 children dressed up and joined us to dance, sing, laugh and eat hotdogs at the Halloween Disco! It was wonderful to see so many smiles and the children having so much fun, while raising over £500 for the school. There were some fabulous costumes on display, from both the children and the volunteers! We would like to thank all of the teachers and volunteers who helped to organise, set up, run and clear up after the disco. We hope you enjoyed it too!

We'd also like to extend a huge thank you to Old Oaks Farm and Cloud Coffee for providing an enormous pumpkin for our Guess the Weight of the pumpkin competition, as well as to everyone who made a guess. You all helped us to make an extra £46 for the school – thank you! Congratulations again to the winner, Frankie in Year 4. For anyone wondering, the pumpkin weighed a massive 33kg!!



### Christmas Fair & Raffle

The second half of the Autumn term was all about Christmas!

The main event was the Christmas fair, and as always, this was a wonderfully festive event, with gifts, games and goodies galore! We'd like to thank everyone who helped out - whether you ran a stall, helped set up or clear down, or just attended and spent some money! We'd also like to thank the choir for getting the event off to a fantastic festive start, and the year 6 children for their brilliant stalls and games.

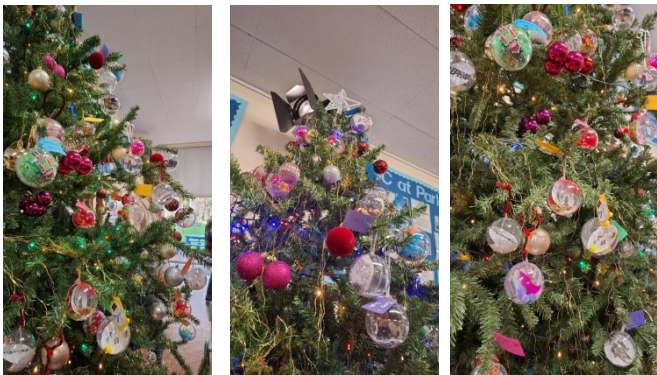
As well as the fair, we also had our annual Christmas raffle. Thank you to everyone who donated a prize or bought a ticket!

The fair was busy, and the raffle was popular (together they made almost £3000 for the school), and we hope they were a fun start to the festive season for everyone, whether a child, family or friend of our school!



### Other Christmas Events

As well as the Christmas Fair and Raffle, this year we also produced bauble kits for the children to take home and use to create their own bauble to hang on the school Christmas tree. These proved incredibly popular, and were much in demand, raising £431! They looked great on the school tree, and we hope all of the children enjoyed the experience!



We also ran a wreath making workshop, and were joined by a number of friends and family to create some fantastic Christmas wreaths. It was a lovely, chilled and festive evening, and the finished wreaths look brilliant!



### Clothing Collection

We also ran our first clothing collection last term, in partnership with Clothes4Sammy. This initiative is operated by the charity Leukaemia & Myeloma Research UK and raises money for our school while also supporting our children and their families to re-use and recycle clothing, and make a difference in the lives of those affected by blood cancer. The clothing collection was extremely well supported, and together we collected 51 bags of clothes and raised over £111, so thank you and well done everyone!

We plan to do another collection on 13<sup>th</sup> March - watch out for more info!



### Non-uniform days

Thank you to everyone who supported our non-uniform days this term. As always, it's been lovely to see how much the children enjoy coming to school in their own clothes! The £1 donations are entirely voluntary, but very much appreciated as part of our joint effort to raise funds for our school!



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### Donations to the School

Last term we made the following donations to the school:

- £1000 towards the cost of the coaches for the Christmas panto trip, reducing the cost of this for all parents, and helping to create wonderful memories for the children
- £100 towards the cost of the year 1 toy workshop, reducing the cost for parents and helping to provide this fantastic experience for the children
- £48 for Christmas crackers at the school Christmas lunch, contributing to the festive atmosphere and fun!



### Events Coming Up This Term

- 10<sup>th</sup> Feb - Second hand uniform & Costume sale (for World Book Day)
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - Neon Disco
  - 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - Non-uniform day
- *half term* -----
- 26<sup>th</sup> Feb - PTA meeting
  - 13<sup>th</sup> Mar - Clothing Collection
  - 31<sup>st</sup> Mar - Springo Bingo: Think Bingo, but with Easter Eggs!
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Apr - Non-uniform day



### World Book Day Costumes

In advance of World Book Day, from 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, for two weeks, we are collecting pre-loved costumes in the school office. We will then sell these after school on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, for parents who may be after costumes for their children to wear on World Book Day (6<sup>th</sup> March).

### School Bike Rack - Update

We now have a quote for upgrading the school's bike storage, but we need a few more! If anyone would be happy to provide a quote, or knows someone who would like to do so, please get in touch with us at [pta@parkgate.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:pta@parkgate.cheshire.sch.uk)

### EasyFundraising

Thank you to everyone who has signed up and supported us through Easyfundraising – we have already raised £264 together! As a reminder, it doesn't cost you a thing - just sign up, shop online, and donations from retailers roll in! [Sign up here!](#)



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### Thank you to our donors

We would like to say a massive thank you to Smylies for donating £500 to support the work of the PTA!



In addition, thank you to the following companies who donated £25 to sponsor a bauble on the school Christmas tree:



kangaroo self storage



### Thank you cont.

We would also like to thank the following companies who supported our Christmas fair and/or raffle by donating a prize:



@a\_star cleaning @thrivefitwithlori Tamlyn Cooper Hair

Contact us at

pta@parkgate.cheshire.sch.uk

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Join us!

We are a friendly bunch and we love to meet new people - so come and say hi!



Our Next Meeting

We meet once a half term. Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb in Goose - see you there!

### A heartfelt thankyou

Thank you to you all for your support and generosity. We couldn't raise the money we do for the school without you attending, supporting and helping out at events, and for that we are truly grateful. All of the money raised helps us to support the school to continue to provide fun, engaging and educational experiences for the children, and to support their learning, happiness and wellbeing in various ways, big and small, so **Thank you!**