

PTA Dates/Reminders:

PTA Uniform Ordering

There will be a uniform sale on Wednesday 23rd November in the School Hall from 14.45-16.00. This will include new and pre-loved items - please come and have a look as we have lots of great quality items for sale. The PTA will also be selling pre-loved Christmas jumpers this year. Items are priced from £1+ with cash & card payment accepted.

If you would like to order new uniform but are unable to attend the sale, please download the form from our website under the PTA tab. Forms need to be completed and returned to the School Office together with either correct cash or proof of payment (i.e. screenshot of BACS transfer). The deadline for order forms is 3pm on 16th November. Any forms returned after this date will not be processed until the following term.

Christmas Market

The Christmas Market will take place on Saturday 26th November, from 1-4pm in the School Hall and Year 1 classroom.

It's free entry with lots of local businesses selling lovely items, so a great opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done whilst supporting the PTA!

Refreshments will be available, as will crafts and Santa's Grotto.

As with previous years children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers to school on Friday 25th November, with a donation to the Chocolate Tombola or Pick a Bottle stall – PTA members will be on the front and back gates on the 25th to take donations so thank you in advance for supporting the stalls!

Full event info with timings, details for visiting the Grotto and how to get your hands on some raffle tickets will follow next week.

Should you be able to volunteer and cover one of the PTA stalls on the day, help with set up or clearing away post event you can sign up here – <https://volunteersignup.org/KBPRJ> Any and all help is gratefully received to ensure the afternoon is hugely enjoyable for all!

Christmas Discos

The PTA will be running Christmas Discos for all year groups on Friday 16th December to see 2022 out with a bang!

KS1 will be 4.45pm-5.45pm, with KS2 taking place 6pm-7pm.

Tickets are £4 per child or £6 for a family ticket, and entry includes drinks, snacks, crafts, nail bar and festive tattoos!

Cash or card payment can be paid on arrival at the disco or parents will be able to pay via a SumUp link to be shared ahead of the disco.

Ink cartridge and mobile phone recycling

Did you know? The PTA can recycle certain ink cartridges and old mobile phones to raise money for the school. There is a collection point at the school office, just drop them in there and we will do the rest!

Check out the webpage and use the 'cartridge finder' search bar to see if your type of ink cartridge raises funds: <https://www.emptycartridge.co.uk>

Unfortunately, we do not receive anything for toner cartridges.

Online shopping

The PTA is a beneficiary of several online shopping sites, receiving a percentage of each transaction via Amazon Smile and anything purchased through the easyfundraising app or website. It's easy to channel purchases through the two platforms:

For **Amazon Smile**, you can shop via <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1043463-0> and select Cheddington Parent Teacher Association. Equally via the app you can head to 'Settings' to select Amazon Smile and select the PTA, you only need to do this stage once – the site or app remembers your chosen charity for all future purchase.

0.5% of each transaction is gifted back to the PTA, this increases to 1% on 'Prime Day' which was 12-13th July this year. It doesn't affect the cost of the item - it's purely an automatic contribution from your purchase!

Easyfundraising is a free to download app, through which you can shop with high street retailers including John Lewis, Boden and Marks & Spencer. Each retailer offers a percentage of the value of your purchase as a donation to the PTA, with the money sent straight to the committee which removes any admin for shoppers.

You simply select 'Cheddington School PTA – Leighton Buzzard' when first using the app or website (www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and donations will head the school's way!