

# GREEN RIDGE PTA

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## A note from the Chair

Welcome back and a big welcome to all the returning parents and the new parents from reception, nursery and those joining us from other schools. This is our first newsletter from the PTA and we will be sending these out regularly to keep you up to date with upcoming events and any other PTA news.

We had our AGM this week, thank you to all those who were able to attend and a big thank you to those who have volunteered for a role either on the committee or as a class rep, more on that later in this newsletter. The PTA would also like to give thanks to the school and staff, especially Mr Wanford, for always supporting the PTA.

This year is going to be a tricky year for fund-raising so we appreciate all the help and support you can give. Don't forget everyone is a member of the PTA and we are all raising money for our children at our school.

Laurilee Green

Chair of the PTA

## Raising the fundraising bar!

Thank you to all of you, bakers, buyers, sellers, doers and organisers for making the last school year our best yet!

Your hard work meant we managed to raise over £12,500 in 2019/20, compared to the £11,000 raised in the previous year, 2018/19. Which was even more than the year before! Please see the minutes from our AGM for a breakdown of events and the funds raised.

A fantastic achievement for everyone involved, especially given we couldn't fund-raise during the last term.

This year we are aiming even higher and with your help, we can smash it!



## Enriching our children's learning journey

We work closely with the school to identify areas where extra funding can go a long way, like buying wet play equipment, continuing to grow our library or contributing towards improvements to our school's facilities.

Last year in addition to this we also spent over a £1,000 on new books, over £1,000 on the Christmas panto & author visits, and a new outdoor PA system.

As part of this total we have also received grants for among other items, to provide a reading shed for the playground thanks to Aylesbury Garden Town, a grant to provide travel to Bartlett's Home (once it is allowed again) and a new shed for the school.

We also hope, once able, to help towards the cost of the 11B411 experiences.

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## The Current Committee...

Chair: Laurilee Green  
Co -Secretaries: Vickie Trotman & Elizabeth Pottinger  
Treasurer: Emily Routledge

# News Items

## How can you raise money from your sofa?

It's easy to help raise funds while sitting on the sofa. We are joined to several schemes which by using a link or code can raise funds for the school every time you use them.



**StampTastic** - Let's face it, the bane of our life is losing school jumpers! It is so important that all your child's clothing is clearly named and StampTastic is a fantastic way to do this... plus if you buy through our link ([https://stampastic.co.uk/pages/school-welcome#a\\_aid=5ab4f11928ac6](https://stampastic.co.uk/pages/school-welcome#a_aid=5ab4f11928ac6)) or use the code HP180YA at checkout, the Green Ridge PTA receives a little donation. Win win!



**Easyfundraising** - Whenever you shop online, do so through [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), and the retailer gives a small percentage of what's been spent back to us to say thank you for shopping with them. Many high street names are now involved, including John Lewis, eBay and Tesco. All you need to do is register and list Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA as your 'Good Cause'. It's quick and easy to set up, and most importantly free to join!



**Buckinghamshire Lottery** - Go to [www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk](http://www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk), find Green Ridge Primary Academy and buy a lottery ticket. It's as little as £1 per week and 50p from every tickets goes to us. You could win up to £25,000!



**MyNameTags** - Need another way to label? Yes, us too! Visit [www.MyNameTags.com](http://www.MyNameTags.com) and use the School ID 104937 and we get a whopping 24% credited back to our school!



**The Original Frying Pan Co** - Fancy making your own pizzas at home? Purchase a kit from The Original Frying Pan, which contains enough ingredients for 2 x 10 inch or 1 x 12 inch pizza. Each purchase gives the school £5. Email [theoriginalfryingpanco@gmail.com](mailto:theoriginalfryingpanco@gmail.com), (and [pta@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:pta@greenridgeacademy.co.uk) so they know the order is through us) to place an order and enjoy some pizza!

## Pumpkin Decorating Competition

This October we are having a 'Decorate A Pumpkin Competition'.

Entry is £3 and will be split into 3 age categories.

Send the PTA a picture of your pumpkin between 1st October & 30th October.

See [www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta) for full details.

## Sponsoring the PTA

Once again this academic year, we have the exciting opportunity for local businesses to sponsor our fantastic school with a variety of different advertising packages. Sponsors last year had the exposure to every person who bought a ticket for all our events, like our Fireworks Night, which was open not just to the school community but the local Berryfields community.

We would like to thank the businesses that sponsored us last year and in particular Dobbs Construction, who are once again supporting the PTA by sponsoring us this year.

Last year we launched a new payment platform, PTA-Events, which has enabled us to become paperless for events, to manage them in a more streamlined manner, as well as allowing our parents and the public to purchase event tickets online and contactlessly.

As part of this we are able to offer you the possibility to sponsor us and make your business known to the school and local community when buying tickets for all our events and soon our new second hand uniform shop.

[www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta)

Contact us now for details!

## Available on PTA-Events

Available to buy now on [www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta) are the tote bags from previous years as designed by the children.

We have a limited amount left of each so if you missed at the time you can get one while stocks last.



They make a great keepsake and a perfect Christmas or birthday present for family members or friends.

We also have a small amount left of the original tea towels made by the very first group of children at the school in 2017!

## Can you lend a hand?

As a parent or teacher you are a member of the PTA and your involvement is crucial. From volunteering at events, attending PTA meetings, or sharing a bit of your time and many talents, we rely on your support! We always need volunteers to run our events, in fact they wouldn't run without your help!



We are currently looking for PTA Class Reps so each class is represented and as a point of contact for parents in each class.

Please see the list below for the PTA Class reps. If your class needs a rep (TBC) please do volunteer!

Little Berries TBC  
 Little Acorns TBC  
 Willow (YR) Laura Nunn & TBC  
 Birch (YR) Hannah Marion & TBC  
 Elm (Y1) Michelle Killeen & TBC  
 Beech (Y1) Sadie Mooney & Georgina Blackwell  
 Oak (Y2) Katie Lickfold & TBC  
 Plane (Y2) Rachel Walcott, Emma Robinson & Jayne Bendell  
 Cedar (Y3) Emily Routledge & Bina Varsani  
 Alder (Y3) Laurilee Green & TBC  
 Rowan (Y4) Kim Tremain & TBC  
 Maple (Y5) Amy Wolley & TBC

We are also always on the lookout for any skills or talents you would be willing to help the PTA with. Do get in contact if you can help!

Marketing IT Photography Woman or Man with a van Handyman or woman Entertainer Printing Designer	Do you have something we can use at an event? BBQ Gazebo Tables Freezer  It all helps!
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## Cinema Club

On Friday 16th October we are holding the first Cinema Club of the year.

We will be needing parent volunteers to run this event and we need parents from each year group to run the event safely.

A letter with the full details will be sent out later in the week including the link to buy tickets and how to volunteer.

## Second Hand Uniform

This term the PTA will start selling donated second hand uniform. If you have any you would like to contribute you can either contact the PTA to arrange collection or there will be a box left outside the school office every Friday.

Please ensure any donations are clean and where possible any name tags and labels have been removed.

Thank you for any you can give.

The first table top sale will be on Thursday 22nd October from 2.45pm outside the school office.

## Coming up this term...

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Monday 14th AGM	Friday 16th Cinema Club	Date TBC Christmas Card Order Deadline
	Friday 30th Closing date for Pumpkin Competition	DECEMBER
		Friday 11th Deadline for Raffle tickets Monday 14th Raffle Prize Draw

## Have your advert here!

Would you like to have your company promoted here?



Contact the PTA to discuss how!

[pta@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:pta@greenridgeacademy.co.uk)

Green Ridge PTA  
presents



**PUMPKIN  
CARVING**  
*Contest*

**A carving & decorating competition.  
Win a prize for the best one. 3 age  
categories**

Register your entry for £3 on  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta/](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta/)

Please see registration details on  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta/) for T&C's.

Closing date for entry is 30th October 2020