

# Commonswood PTA Newsletter - Autumn term 2024/2025



## Welcome

To our school parents, you make up the 'P' in PTA and are all part of the Commonswood School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and we welcome you ! The PTA's main aim is to enrich the school environment with fun fundraising events and to provide additional funding for projects, opportunities and events. We cannot do this with our committee members alone and are always looking for volunteers for events, just an hour from you will ensure we can continue to run events, we promise you don't have to give up all of your free time! Please contact Jodie, our volunteer coordinator, at [commonswoodpta@yahoo.com](mailto:commonswoodpta@yahoo.com) to learn more and to be kept up to date with up- coming events. It doesn't just have to be the mums, any adult family member is welcome!

## 2023/2024 REVIEW:

The 2023/2024 academic year was super successful with lots of amazing school wide events.

The school year ended with a big bang, our Summer Fair was bigger and better than the previous year and we received really positive feedback from parents and children.

In total, over the year we raised over £10,000 which will be reinvested into the school via events, school trips and contribution towards the schools new Minibus etc...

We have already started planning events for this new school year, 2024/ 2025 and we are all excited for the year ahead ! If you have any event suggestions please email us on: [commonswoodpta@yahoo.com](mailto:commonswoodpta@yahoo.com)



If you would like to join our meetings, we meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30pm at The Grove pub, on Hallgrove. It's a great way to be involved and meet other parents. This term's meetings are **7<sup>th</sup> November** and **5<sup>th</sup> December**.

## Autumn term event focus

The term kicks off with our Spooky Halloween Cake sale on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** straight after school. Keep an eye out for the flyer for more details!

The after-school art club run by PTA member Natalie return for our KS2 children. We have entered the St Francis of Assisi Church Christmas Tree Festival and will see artwork produced in this club on our Commonswood School tree entry - make sure you visit the festival on **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December** and vote for your favourite tree. ([link to tree festival info](#)) [Facebook](#)

Christmas cards designed by your children are available to order again this year, don't forget to return your child's artwork to the school office by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November with your order number and their name on the back.

**Wreath making** was very popular last year and with limited places it quickly sold out. Make sure you get your tickets for this year's event on [PTA events](#) quickly before they sell out!!

The event is running on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November**, starting at 6.30pm. We have a local florist join us to guide us through the steps to create a beautiful Christmas wreath for your home.

There will be a cash bar serving mulled wine (and other alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks!) and festive music on the speaker... a perfect way to get into the festive spirit !

Please note that this is an adult only event.



**Festive Fun**, our Christmas Fair returns this year on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Please **SAVE THE DATE!**

Join Mrs Claus to decorate festive biscuits, make some food for the hardworking reindeers at Reindeer Lodge, head to Elfridges to do some shopping and get creative in Santa's Workshop! Try your luck at some Christmas inspired games and the icing on the cake.... you can meet Father Christmas in his grotto !!

Tickets for this event will be on sale from November 18th in the playgrounds and via [PTA events](#) .

We will be asking for donations for Elfridges and 'Choc Bola' look out for our donation bin in the playgrounds to make drop off easier!

We have lots of other events planned for the year ahead, please print out the events flyer for your fridge door to make sure you don't miss anything ! Events include, preloved uniform sale, cake sale and film nights !

**PTA events** is our online platform for ticket sales, if you have not already please create an account which will enable you to purchase tickets easily for future events! Link: [PTA events](#)

### **Easy Fundraising**

Every time you shop online through 'easyfundraising' associated brands will give a donation to your PTA as a thank you for shopping with them. Use this [link](#) to set up an account and download the app and add the donation reminder to your web browser. That's it! It's completely free and will take you two minutes to set up. Anyone can join from parents & grandparents to teachers & friends so please share the link and ask your loved ones to sign up!

### **Co-Op Community fund**

We have been selected as a cause for 2004/2025 with the community fund. Please become a member or use your vote to choose our seating area project for the playground using this link [Co-op](#) This is a national project so encourage friends and family across the UK to vote for us.

### **Useful links:**

PTA Events: [PTA events](#)

PTA page on website: [Friends of Commonswood Website Page](#)

PTA Facebook page: [Friends of Commonswood Facebook](#)

PTA Instagram account: [Friends of Commonswood Instagram](#)