



Our Lady's PTA

A community of parents and teachers dedicated to helping the children of Our Lady's flourish through the provision of equipment and resources designed to advance education and well-being.



Newsletter

April 2021

WE'VE GOT A SPRING IN OUR STEP

Welcome to the first PTA Newsletter of 2021! Like everyone, we are delighted to see the children back in school ready to learn and embrace the summer term. With what we hope will be the last lockdown behind us, our thoughts have turned to Spring and new beginnings. Below you will hear about our major project for this year and some of the events and activities we hope to get up and running as we head towards a slightly more normal school life. As with all things PTA, we are nothing without an army of volunteers, so if you'd like to join us in making a difference to Our Lady's, please get in touch.

2021 MAJOR PROJECT - WE'RE DIGGING DEEP



This year the PTA will be supporting a revamp of the school grounds to create functional and inspiring spaces for children to learn and play.

This long term project will see us work in partnership with the school to update the prayer garden and some of the existing sports areas, including the long jump pits.

You may have noticed that significant progress has already been made thanks to a brilliant team of volunteers working over the Easter break to clear the overgrown Prayer Garden. We will be working hand in hand with the teachers and children in the coming weeks to design a new space that supports educational enrichment and well-being.

A special mention and thanks goes to year 3 mum Kirsty Maclean who has taken on the role of Project Lead. Kirsty has already done brilliant work to explore funding streams, develop links with local community partners and has led the big dig over Easter.

This is however a huge project which will require ongoing support so if you think you could help us please get in touch.

Are you great with a spade? Do you have experience in garden design? Do you know of businesses who could support or provide supplies?

All help no matter how small will be massively appreciated.

Before, During & After...



BRING ME SUNSHINE

Our gardening guru, Kirsty headed to Morrisons this week to collect a donation of seeds which will be used to brighten up the school. The donation is part of the Morrisons Seeds of Hope campaign which we are delighted to be a part of.



RAGS TO RICHES – RECYCLING BIN



Don't forget you can help raise funds for school and charity by using our Starlight recycling bin located next to the school gate. If you are having a spring clean or updating your wardrobe, please consider donating any unwanted clothes or shoes. Please check the bin for the full list of items permitted for donation.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS - HOODIES

We will be sending Year 6 leavers hoodie packs home with children next week. Please return them to us by no later than Friday 7th May



FESTIVE FUNDRAISING

A huge thank you to everyone who bought Raffle Tickets and items from the Our Lady's Christmas Shop. Thanks to your support we raised over £700 which will go directly to helping our wonderful school.



COME JOIN US!

Our Lady's PTA are a really friendly bunch and we would love to welcome some new faces to our meetings and increase representation across the school. If you'd like to know more please speak to the current PTA committee or check in with your year group to get the lowdown from anyone who's already involved.

Chair—Chris Bartup, dad to Alfred (year 3) & William (year 1).

Treasurer—Caroline Holt, mum to Toby (year 3).

Secretaries—Parm Tatla mum to Dylan (year 4) & Ameera (year 1) and Nicola Rzeznik, mum to Zach (year 4).

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY 11th MAY @8PM

WE'RE GOING GREEN!

We're delighted to say Our Lady's has been chosen to feature in Asda's Green Token Scheme.

In September, Our Lady's PTA will be one of three organisations shoppers at Asda in Rugby are able to vote for using green tokens handed out at the checkouts. The winner will receive £500 and those in second and third get £200. We will issue a reminder nearer the time!



SCHOOL CALENDARS



Plans are underway to produce the much loved school calendars which were delayed due to COVID.

We hope to be able to capture images in the summer to enable those with siblings in year 6 to have a memento of their last year in school. Huge thanks to Pete Waters for offering to print them again and to Charlie Flounders for offering to take the pictures.

Hello

SUMMER

YOU'RE INVITED

Our Lady's Summer Fete

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY JULY 10TH 2021

WE'RE PLANNING FOR SUCCESS BUT CONTINGENCY PLANS ARE BEING PUT IN PLACE IN THE EVENT OF FURTHER COVID RESTRICTIONS