

AUTUMN TERM 2023

PTA NEWSLETTER

This termly newsletter aims to keep you up-to-date with the latest PTA news and give you a heads up of the exciting fun(draising) events planned for next term.

THANK YOU!

We've had a fantastic autumn term of fun which has raised well over £3,000 for our schools. Thank you to everyone that's supported all our events and activities this term - your support means everything.



We've got lots of exciting fun(draising) activities planned for the spring and summer terms so make sure you make a note of the dates in your diary.

TOYS4LIFE

We've registered with Toys4Life who are dedicated to the re-use and recycling of unwanted toys. They collect; plastic toys, soft toys, wooden toys, LEGO, musical toys and battery operated toys, and they'll pay us a price per tonne - helping us to raise vital funds for our schools. **Our first Toys4Life collection will take place on 8th & 9th January 2024.** Please bring unwanted toys* to school in a bag or cardboard box between 6.30PM - 7.30PM on Monday 8th January or before 9AM on Tuesday 9th January. Please leave donations on the tables under the canopy on the Junior school playground.

**Please note: Toys4Life don't accept jigsaw puzzles or damaged / broken toys.*

IT'S SHOWTIME!

Roll up, roll up - the circus is coming to our schools on **Saturday 22 June 2024!**

There will be three shows on the day and tickets will go on sale in February. We'll run our Summer Fair alongside so it's set to be a day full of fun for all the family! You definitely don't want to be a clown and miss it so be sure to save the date! All school families, friends and the community are welcome.

MOVIE NIGHT

Straight after school on **Friday 2nd February is Movie Night!** Cygnet children will watch the film in their classroom, Year 1 & Year 2 children will watch the film together in the Infant School Hall and Junior School children will watch the film together in the Junior School Hall. Pop the date in your diary now and you'll receive more information about the movies, arrangements and how to register your child(ren) in the new year. Tickets will be £5 per child.

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

We've just registered with Your School Lottery who creates and runs lotteries for schools across the UK. Tickets cost just £1 per week and there is a guaranteed cash winner for our school every week and the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot! The draw takes place every Saturday and Your School Lottery notifies lucky winners directly via email.

Join our Your School Lottery community today and raise money. For every ticket you play, 74.2% goes to our school and prizes. **To sign up and buy your tickets go to:**

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Emmbrook Primary PTA - good luck! **Get your Super Draw tickets before Saturday 23rd December to be in with the chance to win a £3,000 Christmas Cash-BONUS**

MATCH FUNDING

Some employers offer match giving / funding schemes to employees so they can support charities to boost fundraising. In June 2023 our fantastic Summer Fair raised £6,448 for our schools, and with support from a school parent and the match funding scheme their employer offers, we've been able to raise an additional £1,600 which is incredible! **If your organisation has a similar policy, please let us know.**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



-  Toys4Life collection
8 & 9 January
-  Spring term PTA meeting
Thursday 18 January
-  Bag2School collection
18 & 19 January
-  Movie Night
After school on Friday 2 February
-  Silver Smarties Challenge
Throughout February half term
-  World Book Day costume sale
22 & 23 February
-  Adults event (tbc)
Friday 8 March
-  Easter Egg Hunt
After school on Friday 22 March
-  Summer Discos (tbc)
Friday 26 April
-  Circus & Summer Fair
Saturday 22 June 2024

PLEASE SIGN UP TO easyfundraising

We're registered with easyfundraising and it's already raised £489.73 for our schools! We have 43 supporters so far and we'd love many more so please sign up, download the app / browser extension and make / track your donations as you shop online - at no extra cost to you!

Please sign up and donate to us:
Emmbrook County
Primary Schools PTA.



JINGLE ALL THE WAY

On Sunday (10 Dec) we held our fabulously festive Jingle Bell Jog & Christmas Fair. It was a great success and lovely to see so many families enjoying themselves.

Thank you to everyone who came along and to those who took part in the jog - despite the seasonal downpour! Congratulations to Vivien Chan who won a huge £170.50 in our 50/50 Christmas Cash Draw, to Sara Bradley who won a hamper full of festive treats and to all the fancy dress competition winners - you all looked wonderful!

We're still counting up the amount raised but we're hopeful it'll be a great boost to our fundraising total for this term. We'll share the grand total in the new year!

Thank you to all the talented bakers and crafters who kindly donated goods for us to sell, to Fego for the kind donation of delicious sausages and mince pies, to Unibake for the hot dog rolls, to David Cliff for sponsoring the event and to everyone who volunteered to help out on the day, including Mr Johnson and the Emmbrook Senior School 6th formers. Thank you of course to Father Christmas who made time to share a story with our children at his busiest time of year, thanks to Tesco, Morrisons and Berkshire Electrical Services and to everyone who donated treats and bottles for our tombolas, loaned us equipment or donated consumables. Your support makes all the difference and we can't do it without you!

