

Smalley Richardson PTFA newsletter Autumn/Winter 2021

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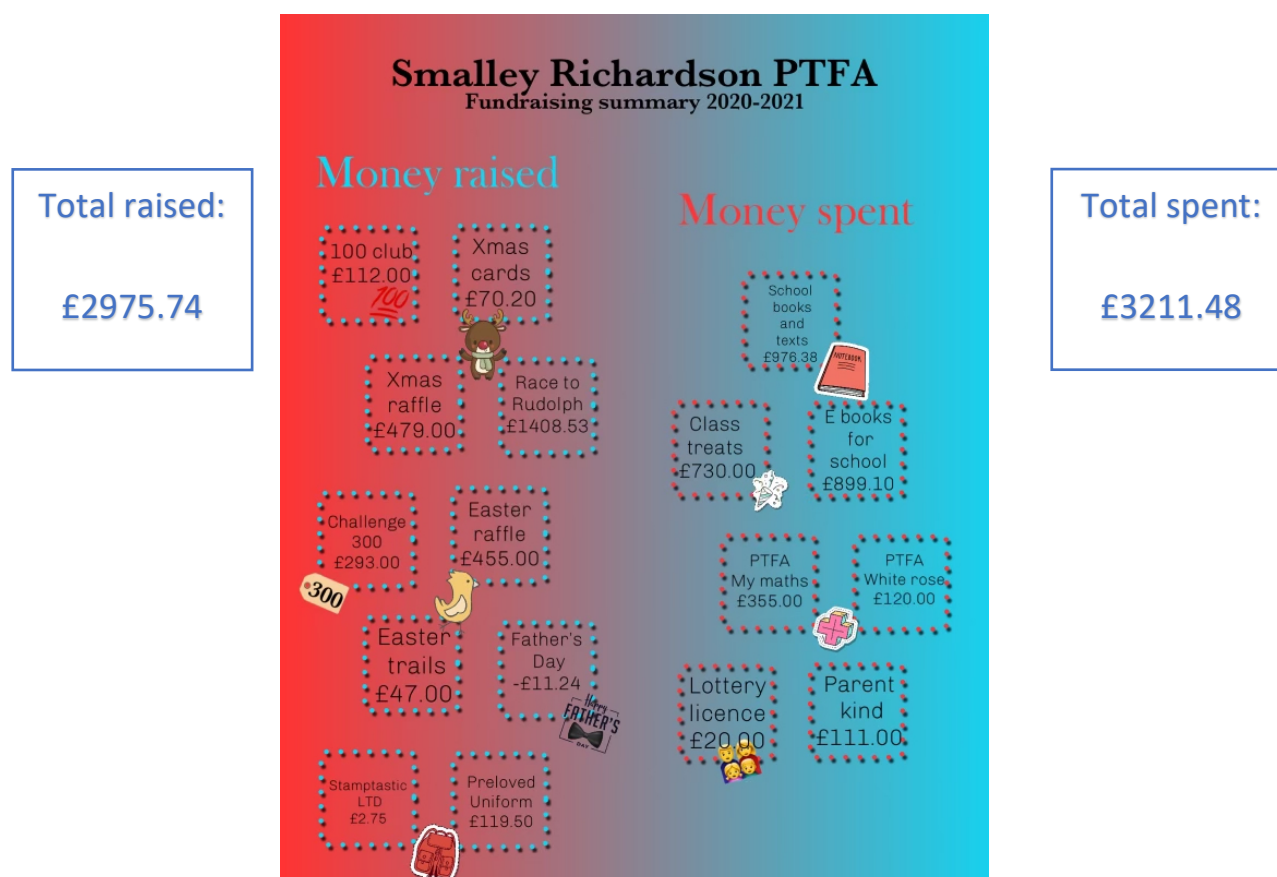
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Welcome to our 2021 newsletter. We wanted to update you with a summary of the funds you helped us raise last year (2020-2021) as well as information on what some of this money was spent on and future planned events.

Funds raised: Firstly, a massive thank you to everyone who engaged and supported all the events that we ran in the last year – a tricky year for the PTFA without being able to run any face-to-face events, but a successful year nonetheless thanks to your participation. You all embraced the new technology (online sales and raffles) brilliantly and helped us to raise an amazing **£2975.74!**



Events Run 2020 – 2021

- 100 Club
- Christmas Cards
- Christmas Raffle
- Race to Rudolph
- Easter Walking Treasure Trails
- Easter Raffle
- Father's Day sales
- 300 Challenge (to date)
- Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Funds Spent 2020 - 2021

- Books and texts
- Class treats
- E-books (during Covid)
- My Maths
- White Rose maths
- Lottery licence (for Christmas raffle)
- Parent kind (text service)

Our usual plan of events is limited due to current restrictions and school policies, but we have come up with some new ideas to keep the fun and pennies flowing. **Please take part in as many as you can** to help raise funds to purchase resources and fund events for the children. We have already agreed to fund musical instruments and more outdoor play equipment in the near future, and are looking at other options that the school are keen to fund to support student learning and the school experience.

Upcoming events:

Christmas jumper sale: we will be **collecting** pre-loved Christmas jumpers during the **week of 15th November**, ready for an **after-school sale on Monday 30th November, and Tuesday 1st December** (if there is still stock left). Dig out your pre-loved Christmas jumpers and get ready to recycle and restock your wardrobe. Adults and children's jumpers welcome. There will be a **Christmas jumper day** for the children on the last day of term, so this is an excellent opportunity to grab a bargain for then. Jumpers will be sold for £1 for children's jumpers, and £2 for adult jumpers.



Santa letters: We are unable to hold our usual Christmas fair this year and so Santa's grotto will not be available but instead we are offering Santa letters. We have secured a friendly contact at the North Pole who has promised to reply personally to Santa letters sent by your child via our school, and will include a small gift with the response. More details to follow.



Christmas raffle: We will be holding a **Rainbow Hamper Christmas Raffle**. Further information to follow but there will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 26th November** in return for donations towards the raffle. Each class will be allocated a colour and asked to bring in items (any) of this colour for the hampers. Tickets will be on sale online, as they were with the Easter raffle. This not only reduces our event costs (as we don't need to purchase tickets) but makes it easier to run without having tickets and money travelling between home and school.



300 Challenge: Don't forget that we are still running our 300 challenge to celebrate the school's 300th birthday this year. Your child can complete 300 of anything and see if they can raise some sponsorship in the process. **This event finishes on 27th November**, so get thinking! Sponsorship money can be transferred into the PTFA bank account. Email us for details.



Email us when completed, with a photo if you are happy for this to be published and we will celebrate their achievement. Challenges so far completed include: litter picked, lengths swum, circuits of the garden run, marzipan aliens made, miles walked, cakes baked, bounces on a Lolo ball without stopping, jobs done... the options are endless! **Scroll down the PTFA page on the school webpage for more information** on this challenge. New entries most welcome. And don't forget that raising pennies for the PTFA will count as fundraising towards your child's Embark Award!

Useful info:

Stampastic: For an easy-to-use name stamp for clothing, stays on wash after wash, saves sewing on badges or ironing on stickers, and saves losing their clothes!!

Please visit: <https://stampastic.co.uk/> and use code **DE76EF** at the checkout so that we receive our commission back from your order.

Amazon Smile: If you use Amazon please use Amazon Smile (www.smile.amazon.co.uk) to help us collect some extra pennies towards our funds and select 'Smalley Richardson PTFA' as your charity.

Easyfundraising: Use this website: www.easyfundraising.co.uk and search for us with Richardson Endowed Primary School' to support our cause, and then shop away at the huge range of shops that this supports.

Committee:

A committee is essential to the functioning of the PTFA and this year we lost several members of our team. **We need more members to share the planning of events. We cannot run events without hands to help.** If you are interested in being on the PTFA please contact us on: smalleyrichardsonptfa@gmail.com for more information.

If you are interested in helping out at events but don't wish to be on the committee then this is still very much needed. Please contact us to give us your details and we will add you to our list of possible 'PTFA helpers'. For events we will then email the helper group and see who can help at each event – this may be in planning, purchasing, wrapping, setting up or manning the event.

Furthermore, if you have any specific talents or services you can offer, e.g.

- Able to get discounts in useful stores!
- Work for company who can offer something – match funding, printing, banners, products etc
- Great at designing posters for events
- Setting up for an event, even if you can't then help at the event itself
- Shopping for prizes / essentials for the event (shopping costs reimbursed)
- etc

please also get in touch via our email and if we are looking for help with your talent we will be in touch.

If any of you work for companies who offer **match funding** for charity events then again please get in touch – specifically for the 300 challenge, your work place may be able to offer match funding to potentially double your child's fundraising. In the last few weeks we have received over £2000 in funding from a parent's workplace in return for input into specific projects. The PTFA is registered with the Charity's Commission and so is eligible for this.

THANK YOU

Dates for the diary:

Week of 15 th Nov:	Donate pre-loved Christmas jumpers to the boxes which will be under the canopy at the yellow entrance before and after school.
Friday 26 th Nov:	Non-uniform day in return for donation towards Christmas raffle items
Sat 27 th Nov:	Last day for submission of 300 challenge completion
Tues 30 th Nov:	Christmas jumper sale after school, yellow entrance
Weds 1 st Dec:	Christmas jumper sale after school, yellow entrance
Mon 20 th Dec:	Draw of the Christmas raffle

