

Dear All,

Christmas is almost here! One last hectic week of term to go before, hopefully, time off to enjoy the festive break with family and friends.

We wanted to use this newsletter to celebrate the work of the PTFA and the wonderful activities it does for the School.

The PTFA run various fundraising and social events during the year with the object of supporting the school with much needed extra funding and to bring parents and the school community together. It strives to hold events such as children's discos, the summer fair and Elfridges for the pupils to enjoy whilst also raising funds to purchase additional resources for the School. Last summer over £1,500 was raised from the summer fair. The Festival of Running group, a subcommittee of the PTFA, held another successful event at Granta Park in October raising over £6,000. You will have seen, and perhaps sampled, the numerous class cake sales held over the year providing amazing cakes and biscuits, thank you for your involvement and support in raising funds.

The PTFA also funds coach transport enabling the numerous school trips over the year to happen. As well as transport costs for school trips, the funds are used to provide various support including the costs of the Abington Woods forest school provision, engaging external speakers and organisations to talk on various subjects providing rich learning experiences, replacement Chromebooks, Visualisers and other online IT applications.

We would like to thank the PTFA and all of you who help it during the year for your hard work and support of the School. A huge thanks also to Katie Mannion and Kirsty Badcock who have just stepped down as Co-Chairs at the recent AGM for their tireless work and enthusiasm.

The PTFA consists of both current parents and friends of the school. The PTFA and Festival of Running Committee are always looking for more help with its various events and if you would like to know more or to help in any way please contact the new Chair Claire Gill via ptfa@greatabington.school.



Finally, thank you for your support for the School. If you ever have any queries, please feel free to contact us. We would also like to thank Guy and Staff for their hard work during this term.

Best wishes to you all for a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Mark Carter and Rachel Clay

Co-Chairs of Governors