



NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2023

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a good start to the school year. Welcome to new parents of the school!

Thank you for all your support last year. We are so pleased to be able to tell you that all the events from last year raised a huge £4500! For those of you who braved the rain and waited patiently to get into the summer fete we are so very grateful. The weather meant a short notice re-think of the whole event. We had 10 minutes to set up between the end of school and the start of the fete so it was all go. Thank you to everyone who helped us, including the two police officers who carried huge boxes of books, and the lovely ladies from Christ Church who helped out with refreshments. Let's hope the sun shines for the next one! It was by far our biggest fundraiser of the year, raising £1600 with the raffle too.

So what are our spending plans? We are funding new classroom globes for the Junior school and are looking to further support outdoor learning, play and wellbeing facilities including bike sheds. The schools are busy putting together their wish lists for more goodies. This is the reason we volunteer. To see the results of all the hard work behind the scenes and your generosity is such a joy.

Dates for your diary

We have been busy planning for the year ahead and are delighted to be able to give you some dates for your diary! We'll send further information out about each event and activity nearer the time.

Term	Event	Location/school	Date and information
Autumn	Christmas cards	Both schools	Packs will come home the week before October half term.
Autumn	Cake sale	Junior Pod	Friday 20 October 2023 after school
Autumn	PTA Annual General Meeting - more information below	Junior Pod	Monday 30 October 2023 7:30pm
Autumn	Quiz & Picnic evening	Infants hall	Friday 17 November 6:30 for 7pm start

Autumn	Infant school Disco	Infants hall	Tuesday 12 December 2023 after school
Autumn	Junior school Disco	Juniors hall	Thursday 14 December 2023 Evening
Autumn	Rainbow Raffle	Both schools	Flyers to go out week commencing 20 November for donations. Draw on 15 December 2023.
Spring	Bake sale	Junior Pod	Friday 16 February 2024
Spring	Bunny hop	Infants	Sponsor forms out w/c 4/3/24 Bunny Hop week 18/3/24
Spring	Easter egg raffle	Juniors	Friday 22 March 2024
Summer	Tea towels	Both	TBC but will be completed in time for summer fete
Summer	Cake sale	Junior Pod	Friday 24 May 2024
Summer	Summer fete	Junior field	Friday 5 July 2024
Summer	Train day	Eaton Park	Friday 19 July 2024

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Monday 30 October 2023 7:30pm Junior School Pod.

This is the meeting where all the officers of the PTA Charity are appointed for the year ahead. We are always looking for new members so please come to the meeting to find out about how it all works behind the scenes. Many of the committee members are nearing the end of their children's time at Colman and so we need to find the next generation to continue the important work the Charity does for our schools. If you are interested in joining the committee and have any questions, please email us and we'll be delighted to talk to you.

If you don't fancy a formal role on the committee but want to get involved in helping with events, please drop us an email and we can add you to our PTA Helpers WhatsApp group. We'd still love to see you at the AGM though so come along!

We of course would always love to do more. The committee and helpers are all volunteers, giving up their time outside of busy working and home lives. It is beyond worth it. Being part of this positive and hard-working team is such a rewarding experience.

Thank you, The PTA.