



The Good Shepherd  
**Parent Teacher  
Association**

## Welcome to our first newsletter of 2021/22 academic year

We hope that families and children have enjoyed being back with their school community this term. We look forward to what 2022 will bring us and would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and hope that you can enjoy time with your loved ones.

### School Christmas disco update

We know disappointment was felt across the school community when it was confirmed the disco would need to be postponed.

We would like to thank all who bought a ticket. We had such a fantastic response, with 292 tickets sold. We were also overwhelmed with parent support to volunteer, and we look forward to being able to host this event in Spring 2022.

Despite the disco being cancelled we were still able to provide party packs to each class for them to enjoy sweet treats and prizes – delivered by to their classroom door by Santa himself.

Thank you to **Cara Lees, Noelle Peacock and Katie Wilson** who supported with the preparations for the disco and party.

All tickets purchased will be transferred over to a new date to be confirmed in the Spring – if you would like a refund of your ticket please contact us at [goodshepherdpta@hotmail.com](mailto:goodshepherdpta@hotmail.com)



### YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

The school lottery continues to be a success and thank you to those who have purchased your tickets!

So far, we have raised an amazing **£1,248.90**.

Every week we have a guaranteed Good Shepherd supporter winning 30% of ticket sales!

Why not sign up to get your tickets to be in with a chance of winning here:

[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-good-shepherd-primary-catholic-academy](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-good-shepherd-primary-catholic-academy)

### Preloved sale

Pre-loved uniform sales continue to thrive in our school community, having raised over £155.00 in this first term alone!

Donations can be made in the box outside reception, we particularly need school logo items and kindly ask that it is only school uniform that is donated.

Playground sales after school will return in the new year.

A big thank you to **Ulana Buczok, Emma Strudwick and Lucy Stokes** who continue to give up their time to lead on the preloved uniform sales!

### Church bazaar

Thank you to all the families who donated a bottle for the PTA tombola stall and to those who helped transport the bottles and manage the stall.

All 300 bottles were won, and we raised **over £800** for The Good Shepherd Church.

The bazaar finally raised over **£9,000!**



### Cake sale success

Thanks to all who gave up their time to bake, donate, buy and sell for the cake sale.

The treats were a great hit with stock selling out fast as the standard of home baking and donations continues to increase.

Thanks to **Melanie Danby** for organising this sale.

## New parents coffee morning

We hope that all the new families who joined GSA this year have felt welcomed and settled into their new school community.

Thank you to all the new parents who attended the coffee morning in September.

We look forward to hopefully putting on more similar events in the new year.

Thanks to those who donated cakes/biscuits and gave up their time to facilitate parent coffee events.

## School panto

The PTA funded an in-school panto for the children to enjoy on Tuesday 9 December.

This year it was the 12 Birds of Christmas, performed by a local company - HandMade Theatre.

It was a wonderful experience for the children and we would like to extend a thank you to all of the HandMade theatre team who put on the show and also to **Cara Lees** for organising.

## Coming up in 2022

- Spring Disco
- Bend the Rules Day
- Non-uniform days
- Competitions
- Summer Fair
- Cake sales
- Preloved sale

**Next PTA meeting:**  
**18 January '22 @GSA School**

## PTA strategy

The PTA committee have come together this term to work on our PTA Strategy.

This is a formal document that will outline and specify the objectives of the PTA and what we hope to achieve this year.

A copy can be found on GSA website under Virtual Office > PTA Newsletters/ Letters.

We will review this document on an ongoing basis.

Thank you to **Melanie Danby** and **Vivianne Scarff** for leading the committee on this.

## PTA AGM 2021 @ Hugo's

This year, we were pleased to be able to host our AGM face to face at Hugo's in Sherwood, who very kindly opened just for us – thank you!

It was a great opportunity for us to reflect on the achievements of the PTA and discuss how we can grow and develop over the next year.

We also saw a change in committee members:

**Melanie Danby** stepped down as Co-chair. Many thanks to the support Melanie has given during her time as co-chair.

We welcomed back **Cara Lees** as Co-chair and officially voted in **Vivianne Scarff** as Co-secretary. All minutes from the AMG have been circulated on school emails.

## Easy Fundraising

Want a **FREE** way to help raise money for the school?

Sign up to easy fundraising and start raising cashback for the school today:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/goodshepherdarnold](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/goodshepherdarnold)

Thanks to those who have already signed up we have raised **£82.37** in free cash back donations this academic year.

## Keep in touch

The PTA have a WhatsApp a mailing list you are welcome to join. The Whatsapp group is great way to keep in the loop about volunteering opportunities for our events and the mailing list will keep you updated on meeting dates and the minutes/outcomes.

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