

# UPDATE

*December* 2023

## UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Wow, what a busy time the last few weeks have been. I firstly would like to thank each and every one of you for your donations, time and really positive feedback. The Christmas bazaar was an enormous success and had such a wonderful atmosphere. It was great to have so many helpers and all stalls ran like clockwork. Thank you! I had a great team to support the bazaar but I have to mention my wonderful vice chair Nicole Miles - she works so hard for the PTA team and put a lot of time into this bazaar and all our festive plans, I certainly couldn't have done it without her. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and fantastic New Year. I look forward to catching up with you in 2024.

*Hayley x*

## LOOKING AHEAD

Dates of future events for your diaries:

**26th Jan** - nearly new uniform sale

**9th Feb** - Valentine's raffle

**22nd March** - School Disco

Coming up later in the year:

**26th April** - duck race

**17th May** - ice lolly sale

**6th July** - Amherst BBQ

Other events will be held throughout the year, such as sales of Team Amherst hoodies, Quiz Night and Year 6 leavers disco (dates to be confirmed).

P.S. If you are interested in joining the PTA team from September 2024, please do get in contact if you would like any further information!

## EVENT ROUND-UP

### CHRISTMAS IS NEARLY HERE!

This term is always exceptionally busy in the lead up to our biggest fundraiser of the year - the Amherst Bazaar! We had it all, from mince pies to mulled wine, from beauty bits to bottle tombolas!

This term we have packed in a **Christmas jumper sale**, **Christmas calendars raffle**, a **Secrets Room**, silent auction and catalogue, a **festive bake off competition**, **festive hampers raffle** and a **mini bazaar**!

We cannot thank you enough for all your help - be it donations, filling mystery bags or manning a stall. The school was transformed into a hive of Christmas activity. From Year 6 students putting on fun games to the BBQ outside in the cold, we thank you all! And whilst all this was going on, there was even a wonderful visit from the main man himself...**Santa**! From all the PTA team, we wish you all a very happy and relaxing Christmas!



## PTA NEWS AND UPCOMING



## MATCH FUNDING - IMPORTANT

Thank you to all parents that signed up for match funding during this term. It is never too late to sign up for this, as other events are held throughout the year. We would especially love to have match funders ready for our summer fair, so please do get in touch with the PTA team if you think your employer offers match funding, which is a very effective way to help raise FREE money for our school!

## OUTDOOR PROJECT PROGRESS

This term also saw the new Octagon installed by the Jubilee Building. This is a wonderful addition to the playground area, and plans are underway for a new play zone for the area near the PE shed. This work is planned to be in place by summer 2024.

## NEXT PTA MEETING

We will confirm the date of the next PTA meeting soon. Everyone is welcome at these meetings, that are usually held at the Bullfinch pub at 8pm. These meetings give us a chance to provide an update on fundraising and on forthcoming events - as well as have the opportunity to catch up with everyone in person.

## KEEP IN TOUCH



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## SIGNING UP

The best place to keep up with PTA news, book onto PTA events and make a donation is the PTA Events website. If you've not signed up, it ~~only takes~~ a few moments. Visit [www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta) and create an account. And if you could take a few moments to check your child's details are all up to date, that makes administration of our events much easier. Thank you.

## FUNDRAISING

A really easy way to raise funds for the school, is via Amazon Smile. This is free extra money for the school that doesn't cost you anything, so please do remember Amazon Smile whenever you are completing online shopping!

## SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

We want to hear your thoughts on what we can do differently, and your feedback is always welcome. We are always looking for ideas for new events that our children and families can enjoy! If you have any thoughts we would love to hear them so please do get in touch.

## MATCH FUNDING - IMPORTANT NOTICE!

We simply cannot emphasise enough the importance of Match Funding and the huge impact it has on our fund raising. Please do speak to your employer and see if they offer Match Funding, and if they do, get in touch so we can involve you in events. To find out more, contact [amherst-treasurer@outlook.com](mailto:amherst-treasurer@outlook.com) or [amherst-chair@outlook.com](mailto:amherst-chair@outlook.com).