

# UPDATE

*February* 2024

## UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

I'm sure, like myself, you are pleased to see the back of a very cold and dark January!

It has been a quiet half term for the PTA team but after a very successful PTA meeting in January, we have got lots of ideas. We will be putting some of those ideas into action in the spring and summer terms, and look forward to brighter days and a lot of fun for the children!

Enjoy the half term break and thanks as always for your continued support.

*Hayley x*

## LOOKING AHEAD

Dates of future events for your diaries:

22nd March - School Disco

Coming up later in the year:

26th April - duck race

17th May - ice lolly sale

6th July - Amherst BBQ

12th July - Year 6 leavers disco

Other events will be held throughout the year, such as sales of Team Amherst hoodies and water bottles, Quiz Night and family quiz event (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

### Nearly New Uniform Sale

Many thanks to **class 5HR** for running the nearly new uniform sale this term. As usual, donations were voluntary and could be made via cash or card, or via the PTA website.

**\*Please note\*** we currently have a large surplus of stock, and therefore going forward, we can only accept donations of uniform bearing the Amherst logo - thank you.

### Cake Sale

Many thanks to **class 3H** for running the cake sale this term. They raised a wonderful **£170!** Well done!!

Thank you to everyone who baked, donated or bought - this is hugely appreciated!



### Valentines Chocolate Raffle



Love was in the air this week, or certainly the love of chocolate! **Congratulations** to all the winners of the raffle prizes, who have bagged themselves a delicious treat to enjoy!

## PTA NEWS AND UPCOMING

### MATCH FUNDING - IMPORTANT

Thank you to all parents that have previously signed up for match funding. This money really does make a huge difference to our fundraising efforts.

Many companies offer match funding and it is very easy to set up.

We would especially love to have match funders for our summer fair in July, so please do get in touch with the PTA team if you think your employer offers this, which is a great way to help raise FREE money for our school!

### OUTDOOR PROJECT PROGRESS

Following on from the installation of the new Octagon, plans are well underway for the new play zone area. This work is planned to be in place by summer 2024.

### NEXT PTA MEETING

Thank you to all who attended our PTA meeting at the end of January. It was lovely to see so many of you present, and sharing some wonderful ideas for future fundraising events!

If you were unable to make the meeting, do feel free to contact us directly. 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).