

Newsletter Summer term 2023

Dear Parents, carers, family, and friends of Wilton School,

Hello!

After the disruption of COVID-19, lockdowns, and getting life back to normal, we are excited to have been able to start bringing back PTFA activities and events to Wilton and fundraising for the school!

We had our easter trail activity this spring, and despite being poor weather we had an unexpectedly large turnout! Thank you to everyone who came and gave our small team of volunteers support and patience while we are finding our feet with school events and an impromptu weather contingency plan! The children had great fun, we raised £191.42 and we were able to donate leftover eggs to our local food bank.

Believe it or not, we are already planning well into the winter term and beyond to support new parents and families arriving in the autumn, and to bring some Christmas magic to the school so [watch this space!](#)

Cost of Living versus PTFA fundraising

The role of the PTFA is to raise money to support the school in ways its usual funding does not and run additional events for the children and their families. We respect the rise in cost of living means not everyone can donate all of the time, and want to make sure all families are welcome to take part or access what is needed i.e. uniform swaps, event entry fees etc. We always say you can donate what or when you can at any PTFA events.

We aim that no child misses out. Our fundraising not only will cover the running of events and needs of the school but making sure we fit into the school ethos: everyone belongs, everyone achieves by aiming to reduce barriers to family engagement in extra activities we provide, please don't hesitate to contact us via ptfa@wilton.dsat.org.uk if you have questions or feedback on how we cost our activities.

What's coming up?

Tea towels

The children have been drawing their self-portraits which will be contributed to a whole school tea towel! Look out for your order slips coming home. These will be available for £4 each, two for £7 or three for £10.

Ice Lollies!

This summer we will be bringing back Ice Lolly Fridays supported by year 6, to keep all pupils going through the hotter weather towards the summer holidays. 50p an ice lolly.

Wilton Carnival

Come see us at the carnival where we'll be holding a water or wine stall for adults – chance to win a bottle of red white or rose, £1 a go, and a lucky dip for kids 20p a go!

Uniforms

Look out for our new **yellow wheelie uniform bin** at the school gates, which is where you can drop off clean, wearable uniform items (preferably with logos) no longer fitting or needed.

We will be aiming to have more regular uniform swaps and sales where you can collect second-hand uniform; suggested donations £1 per item.

You can come to get your second-hand uniforms on the last Thursdays before half term and end of term.

Our next PTFA uniform swap and sale is **20th July after school from 3.15 in the KS1 front playground**, weather depending.

Whats next?

Summer Fete!!

We are most excited about the return of the Summer Fete. This will be our first summer fete as a small PTFA (average 3-5 regular volunteers), so we are seeking volunteers to support it!

This can include your time to support decorating/tidying up, running stalls or it could be donating garden games, collecting prizes for a raffle/tombola, baking cakes to sell. If you have any ideas to contribute, we'd love to hear them and any way you can support will be appreciated.

We cannot run events without our volunteers and appreciate as much or as little time as you can offer.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 12th June 3.30-4.30 for anyone interested in supporting or you can reach out by sending a message via the Facebook group and one of our group admins will be able to chat to you about the plans.

PTFA key dates

12 th June	PTFA Fete focused meeting	3.30-4.30 (All parents/guardians/teachers welcome)
7 th July	Year 6 leavers cake sale	from 3.15
14 th July	Summer Fete!	2.30-5.30
20 th July	Second hand uniform sale	from 3.15
11 th sept	coffee afternoon	2.30 for new starter parents*
21 st Sept	PTFA meeting	3.30 - 4.30.

Follow us on the Wilton CofE School PTFA page on Facebook where we update regularly when activities and events are happening and reminders of the school emails which can sometimes get missed.

Interested in joining, volunteering or any other queries email:

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