



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

# PTA NEWSLETTER

November 2022



## OCTOBER WAS BUSY!

We've got lots to update you on this month, after a busy end to October and more fundraising events on the way for November.

Thank you to all of you that have supported and donated the PTA, we really appreciate it!

## SOME SPOOKY HAPPENINGS!

Great fun was had at the Spooky Disco! The children all looked incredible in their costumes and we saw lots of happy faces.

For the PTA the event was a great success with almost the whole school attending. Your donations helped us raise £340.95, the first step towards our fundraising target of £5k!

Thank you to all the volunteers and teachers that supported the event, it wouldn't have been possible without you.



**YOU HELPED US  
RAISE  
£340.95!!**



## WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS

If you think you could spare an hour of your time to help out with organising events, helping run a stall or being a PTA class representative, we'd love to hear from you.

If you're interested, please email [pta@stcanterbury.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@stcanterbury.herts.sch.uk), message Sarah on 07595 258513 or talk to any of the committee to find out more.

## JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Why not join our facebook page 'STOC PTA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS' for handy event reminders, the latest news and share your thoughts and ideas on fundraising.

If you're already a member please share with your family and friends so that we can get everyone involved, it really is the more the merrier. Our community is one of the very special things about St. Thomas' so we'd love to see you there!

Look out for more dates for your diary posted soon.



**GOAL 2022**  
**5K**



## OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL

We've talked about our target a lot and that's because we're so focussed on supporting our school to buy 16 new laptops for the children's important IT skill development, at a cost of over £10,000.

We're £340.95 of the way there, so really need your continued support to make this happen.

## HOW ELSE COULD YOU HELP?

We've drafted a St Thomas of Canterbury official fundraising letter that will be emailed out which we would love your support in handing out. Many businesses have a special fund for charity donations, so it's always worth asking! Here's some suggestions:

Ask local businesses for raffle prize donations

Raffle prizes are always a big help towards our fundraising and we're 100% reliant on donations for these prizes.

If you're out shopping, having your nails done, then simply hand over a letter. You never know!

Ask your employer if they can sponsor a laptop

Using our templated letter you could email your employer to ask if they'd be willing to sponsor a laptop for £700.

We can offer a fully branded laptop, advertising package and PR with the local press in return.

Organise a skydive?

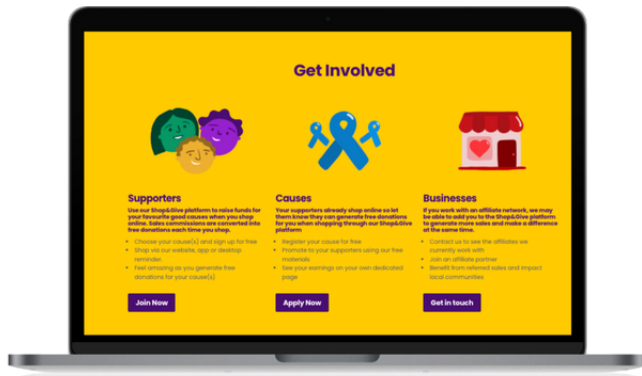
Well, maybe not that high energy! But why not organise a sponsored run, bike ride or a family sponsored silence and get your friends and family involved.

We can support you with your fundraising packs and sponsorship forms. Just email [pta@stcanterbury.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@stcanterbury.herts.sch.uk)



By signing up to support our Shop & Give page at [thegivingmachine.co.uk/products/shop-give](http://thegivingmachine.co.uk/products/shop-give) you can donate money just by doing your normal shopping. It doesn't cost you a penny - the retailer pays!

Here's how in 4 simply steps:



## STEP ONE

Select 'Join Now' from the Shop & Give homepage.

## STEP TWO

Search 'St Thomas of Canterbury' and we will appear. Click 'Support'



## STEP THREE

You'll need to register your details to set up an account

## STEP FOUR

Start shopping!

All you need to do is shop via the website or the app to make sure the retailers' donations are made to us. That's it!

