



Yanwath Primary School

# PTA

## Newsletter December 2021

Chair: Andrew Chambers  
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### *Hello!*

Firstly, we send both Mrs Gomersall and Mrs Davies congratulations and best wishes on the arrival of their new bundles of joy.

Sadly the rise in Covid cases meant that our Christmas Market could not proceed in the format we had hoped for. School did a sterling job turning things around organising an afternoon of fete games and laughter for the children. Judging by the photos, the kids had a super time with smiles and sweets all round! Thank you.

### **Changes to the Team**

Whilst Mrs Gomersall takes a break, we are delighted to have Mr Crouch join the ranks and we also welcome a new Secretary...

### **Secretary – Zoë Hallington**



After many years living abroad, I returned to my native Cumbria in 2019 and continue to work as a freelance editor and translator. At Yanwath, my daughter Nina has found a fantastically warm and inspiring community and I am very happy to have the chance to help support the school through the PTA.

### **New School Rep – Matthew Crouch**



Early Years Lead and Reception/Year 1 class teacher.

I studied at Sheffield Hallam University for three years, before starting at Yanwath in September 2017. I have taught across the school, in years ranging from Reception to year 5.

I have a passion for social media and using it to gain exposure, resources and opportunities for our school.

### *Round up of the Half Term*

#### **Open Day**

Back in October we supported school with their Open Day, we had a fabulous morning meeting lots of new faces. Thank you to everyone that stopped by to see us, you helped us raise £87.

#### **Pumpkins**

It feels like such a long time ago already but well done to all our pumpkin carvers, painters and artists, you always amaze us with your creativity and enthusiasm... you also raised £57.

#### **Christmas Cards**

Thank you to everyone that designed and purchased Christmas Cards – there were some super designs and we raised £69 for the school.



#### **Bags 2 School**



Thank goodness Anya was on hand to help sort out the mountain of bags you all kindly donated... your efforts raised £144 – thank you. We hope to work with Bags 2 School again in the future.

#### **5p Challenge**

This has been quietly bubbling along since we came back in September, all tolled it raised £206. Every class has been rewarded for their efforts with a Christmas treat of a film and hot chocolate.

#### **Christmas Market and Raffle**

In lieu of the planned market the children in school were still able to enjoy an afternoon of games and prizes – hooray! The raffle also went ahead with donations from local businesses and all prizes have been collected. Just shy of £1,000 was raised, thank you so much!

## Christmas Lights Trail

We have joined forces with the events team at Tirril & Sockbridge to host our Christmas Lights Trail. Join us on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 4.30pm-6.30pm (maps available until 6pm, £5 at Tirril Village Hall) for an evening of fabulous festive fun.

Bring a torch, wrap up warm, wear sensible shoes and come to enjoy a stroll around the village's fantastic light displays. Refreshments available en route and a treasure hunt to take part in!

## Looking Forward

### Manchester Trip

In lieu of individual Christmas gifts for the children, the PTA are making a £1,000 contribution to the incredible trip school have planned for April 2022. We are excited to be able to make such a gesture and couldn't do so without your continued support – thank you.

### Upcoming Events

Restrictions allowing, we're hoping to run an Easter Bingo event in the Spring and we've been asked a few times if we could run another adults only event, so we are looking into hosting a disco. Watch this space.

## Other Information

### School Lottery

2021-2022 income to date - £198

Signing up is easy with both cash and special prizes to be won every month. Good luck!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/yanwath-primary-school/>

### Pre-Loved Uniform

We have quite a stash of uniform, get in touch via the school office or with us directly to purchase any items. Donations of uniform no longer required can be taken to the school office, many thanks.

### Positions Vacant







We still have spaces on the Committee and we'd love to have you on board...

**Vice-Chair:** Steps in for the Chair when they are unavailable. Has oversight of emails.

**Newsletter Editor:** Produces half termly newsletters of our activities to help keep everyone informed and up to date.

**Year Group Reps:** Represent individual year groups at meetings, feed information back to and bring information from year group WhatsApp groups.

Get in touch with any of us or via the school office if you'd like to know more.

 Andrew Chambers Chair	 Zoë Hallington Secretary	 Charlotte Harrison Treasurer
 Laura Brough Social Media & Advertising	 Nic Pearce Community Engagement	 Nicola Chambers Community Engagement
 Sammie Hart School Representative	 Matthew Crouch School Representative	

### Your Ideas

We'd love to hear any ideas or suggestions you might have for fundraisers or events. You can reach us on the email below, chat to any one of us if you see us at school or via our Facebook page

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### Lastly...

We'd like to say a huge thank you for your continued support – it is greatly appreciated – and wish you all a healthy, happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

*Yanwath School PTA*