



# SPA Newsletter

## Dear Parents/ Guardians


Now the new term is up and running I wanted to give you an update on what the SPA, which is the School and Parents Association, is up to this term, (there's certainly a heavy emphasis on Festive events!).


### Come and join us!

Firstly for new reception parents we'll be at the welcome evening on Wednesday 25th September, and then on Monday 7th October we are extending an invitation to anyone interested in joining us to **come along to our meeting**/ get together at The Radcliffe (our regular meeting spot!). There's no pressure to join on the night but if you've always wondered what we get up to and would like to help us then please come along!


Importantly, if you don't have time to join the committee or attend our once-a-month meetings it doesn't mean you can't be involved in helping with any of the events - the more the merrier! So we would encourage you to **talk to any of our team if you have time to help** with any of our forthcoming events. Without your help we can't put them on and raise as much as we do to benefit our children.

### This term our big events are:

 **Doughnut sale** - Friday 25th October  
Grab a doughnut after school on the final day of school before half term and help us raise some money for the school. Volunteers needed - as always - to help sell so please look out for notices through the WhatsApp groups.

 **Secret Present Room** - Friday 13th December  
During the school day all children will get the opportunity to purchase gifts for their loved ones in the school hall, with stalls geared towards each member of the family and our SPR Elves on hand to wrap presents. Donations of new and unused items suitable for children and adults are now required. Please leave them in the donations box to the left of the clothes bin in the school car park asap.

 **Winter Wonderland** - Friday 13th December  
After school, William Ransom will be transformed into a winter wonderland with stalls selling festive food and drink, the popular Story-Time with Santa and an outdoor concert from years 5 & 6 to end the evening. We'll be needing lots of helpers to make this event a success - please look out for more info coming soon.

 **Christmas Raffle** - Thanks to the fabulous prizes provided by parents/carers, the Christmas raffle was one of the biggest fundraisers last academic year. Can you help find some great raffle prizes this year? If you are able to help with a prize, please speak to any member of the SPA committee.





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As well as these events, Eleni and her team of volunteers continue to keep the **incredible uniform shed** running. The current opening hours are:

Mondays: 8:50am - 9:20am  
 Tuesdays: 8:50am - 9:20am  
 Wednesdays: 2:30pm - 3:00pm  
 Fridays: 8:50am - 9:20am



If you have any pre-loved uniform you would like to donate, please leave it in the box next to the shed.

To remind you, last year we made an amazing **£20,331.25 for the school** and importantly for the benefit of the children.

There are three big projects that the school is fundraising for, the **new school library, chrome books for children and early years learning equipment**.



Due to the amazing amount raised all children in years 4, 5 and 6 are now using Chrome Books, the library is well underway to being kitted out with all new furniture and some early years equipment has already been purchased. **So again THANK YOU!**

**There are other ways you can help raise money too**, including purchasing Stikins **name labels** for your child's clothes, (the school can receive 30% commission on every order placed, quoting our school reference number 25434. Order via [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk))

Also do you have a pile of unwanted clothes lurking in your house that you keep meaning to give away to charity...?

You can now deposit any pre-loved clothes and shoes (in a bag please) in the **clothes donation bank** located close to the uniform shed in the car park.

The school will be paid per tonne of clothes collected, raising money for the benefit of all the children in school, all while helping you to declutter!



We'll keep reminding you about the details of all the above via Mr Plunkett's regular newsletter and the various WhatsApp groups, but most importantly **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to keep doing what we are doing, whether that's spending money, making a donation, volunteering time, attending an event or all the above, **we thank you in advance**.

*I look forward to meeting you soon!*

*Kind regards*  
**Glyn Doggett** - SPA Chair

