

Another year nearly over. Christmas Day is not too far away, and it is now time to relax and unwind a little!

The PTA has been very busy this year, raising so much needed extra funds for our students. Through various initiatives and lots of hard work, we were able to provide resources to support teaching and learning for all at The Cotswold School. Our contributions went towards the School Counsellor, Activities Week, Book Week Speaker, Speech Day Prizes, D of E Licence, Internet Language Subscriptions, Library Books, Geography Field Trip Equipment, and Laptops for English, Social Science, PBE, DT Saws and other Equipment, GCSE Workshop, Camera for Art and more...

HOW DID WE RAISE THE FUNDS?

- This year's **QUIZ NIGHT** raised over £800. It was also a brilliant night out!
- We raised over £6,000 with the **SEASONAL CAR PARKING** in the School Field. Thank you, Sue Gregory, for coordinating all Charities involved and thank you to all who helped in running our allocated dates.
- The Cotswold School **PTA YEARLY BAKE OFF!** Over £4,000 raised from selling Tea & Coffee/Cakes at Chastleton House over the summer/autumn seasons. A great deal of time and effort went into this project. Thank all those who have generously given their time to bake and/or to help on the various days.
- The **PTA BAR**. We raised over £1,000 at the recent Mary Poppins Production. Ali Grant, PTA member who volunteered to take over the 'bar duties' from Nic Yates (thanks again Nic for all your hard work), ran the bar for the first time. A wonderful job. Thanks, Ali for taking this task on.
- A raffle held on the night also contributed to the final amount. Thank you to all who have helped on the night and thank you to all businesses who sponsored the prizes for the raffle: Carrick Travel, Essence Hair, Spa on The Square Moreton in Marsh, Cooperative Upper Rissington & Bourton, Tesco, Birdland, Kingham Pub & Restaurant, Bibury Farm, The Edinburgh Woollen Mill, Bourton China Shop, The Croft, The Hanger & L'Anatra. Tickets Sales from the Production generated over £2,000. Well done to Music and Drama for such a lovely performance. THANK YOU.
- A NEW INITIATIVE THIS YEAR: The **PTA WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP** raised over £1,700.00. A great effort! Thank you to Lisa Farley and Josie Turner for gathering all the materials & for professionally leading the demonstration on the night. Thank you to Ali Grant, Ornella Sciuto, Heidi and Jane, Anita Torris for helping on the night. We would also like to thank Aldi Moreton-in Marsh, Kilkenny Pub, Bensons Juices, and Tesco for donating Prosecco, Cinnamon Apple juice and Mince Pies for the occasion. A raffle held on the night added to the monies raised: thank you Essence, Candy Cox, Beautylicious, The Bakery on The Water, and The Cotswold Brewery for making it happen.
- **OUR ANNUAL PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** was a great success! Thank you all who kindly purchased our raffle tickets – over £4,300 raised. A huge thank you to Anita Torris for organising the raffle and a special thanks to **Fleet and Commercial for sponsoring the first prize of £500.**

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In addition, we would also like to give a huge thank you to local artist Lucy McMillan-Scott, Raj Mahal Restaurant Moreton-in-Marsh, Fir Farm Lower Swell,

Wyck Hill House, The Slaughter Manor House, Everyone Active Bourton on The Water, Essence Hair, Dean Tyre, Sheila Price School of Dance, Beautylicious, & The Bakery on The Water for sponsoring the remaining prizes.

TESCO BAGS OF HELP SCHEME: another great success. We successfully secured nearly £8,000 from the scheme. We wish to thank you Tesco for giving us this fantastic opportunity, everyone who voted for us and to Anita Torris for applying and taking care of the paperwork!

We will leave it up to you to do the sums to calculate the total raised!

CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY FOR THE PTA: A MUCH NEEDED BRAND NEW FRIDGE DONATED TO US... THANK YOU. ALL BAR DUTIES WILL BE EASIER FROM NOW ON...

UPCOMING EVENTS

11th & 12th February 2019: Upper School Production 'Our Country's Good by T. Wertebaker - The PTA will be running the bar.

15th of March 2019 - QUIZ NIGHT

If you want to help and you wish to make a donation to or sponsor some raffle prizes, please contact us via e-mail: pta@thecotswoldschool.co.uk

We always give those who donate a 'Shout out'.

A final thank you to absolutely everyone who has helped throughout the year. However, for 2019 we need to get another ten parents to join the PTA. No qualifications required; all we need is dedicated people to help and to join our team and continue to contribute to additional teaching and learning resources at The Cotswold School.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.