



**RAF BENSON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA
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Message from the Chair

WELCOME to the latest edition of the PTA Newsletter. I hope everybody enjoyed the Christmas Fair in November. It was great to see lots of you having loads of fun.

On behalf of the committee and myself we would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Lyndsey Stanford

Join us

We ask that where possible that parents support the PTA in whichever way they are able to. There are lots of different roles; from attending meetings to help plan events, helping at the events themselves or offering skills that might support the PTA.

Many school PTAs are now disappearing due to people not having the time to give to their school and ultimately the children suffer as there are no additional funds to purchase the 'little extras' that the PTA funds. We appreciate it is especially challenging at our school when other halves are away and with the turnaround of families, but if you are able to do anything to support us, then please get in touch, or speak to one of the members to find out more. You don't have to be able to make every meeting or every event, just whatever time you are able to give.

From January we will be looking for a new Secretary, if this is something you might be interested in please contact the Chair, Lyndsey for more information.

This terms success

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising events this term. The events have been a great success and we have managed to raise the following:

School Disco - £300

Bingo - £276

Bouncy Castle hire - £75

Christmas cards - £207

Christmas Fair - £2,246

A TOTAL OF £3,104.00 – THANK YOU!



This term spends

At the start of the new academic year the PTA spent money on topping up the ScrapStore Playpod, gave each class £100 to support creative resources and purchase books for their reading areas and paid the annual subscription for Cross Country, to ensure all RAF Benson children can attend the races for free.

Ahead of the festive season we paid for the Puppet Man to visit the school again this year. All the children were able to watch the show on 19th December, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Without your support we couldn't support these vital additions to the children's schooling, thank you.



January Sales

If you're an online shopper, we would love you to use our web link: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rafbensonsch to generate extra cash for the school.

Following registration, just head to the easy fundraising website each time you're shopping online. Once you have selected one of the 3000+ retailers, you shop as normal! They send a percentage of the amount spent through to the PTA - easy! Further details are on the [PTA section of the school website](#).

Upcoming events

Please keep an eye out in the New Year for another school disco, bingo evening and other events. Event dates will be published on the school calendar, the [PTA pages](#) and [Facebook](#).

If you have an idea of any fundraising events please do get in touch either via the Facebook page or come along to one of the meetings.

Merry Christmas
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR