



TGS PTA NEWS UPDATE

AUTUMN 2020

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Dear Parents & Carers

It has been a very different summer for most of us and with all the new rules and restrictions around Covid-19 we have made the difficult decision to cancel the Christmas Fair and Hamper Raffle this year.

Sadly, we also had to cancel the Quiz Night back in March, which was just at the start of lockdown, and the government regulations meant that we were unable to arrange the Year 7 Picnic in the Park and the annual Year 7 Disco. Rest assured, once we are able to resume events we will ensure that those are our first priority and we look forward to organising some fun events for 2021.

In the mean time we have resumed our monthly PTA meetings via Zoom and continue to look at safe ways in which we can raise much needed funds for the school.

If you would have attended one of our events or maybe have purchased a book of raffle tickets this year and would like to donate directly instead please feel free to do so via our [website](#). We also ask in the run up to Christmas, when so many of us are shopping online that you consider joining our **Easyfundraising** page.

Raise **FREE** funds
for us every time you
Shop online



It is very easy, costs you absolutely nothing and it turns your everyday shopping into donations for the school! To find out more information or to join our page please click [here](#).

The TGS PTA cannot exist without parent volunteers and this year 2 of our long serving committee members moved on as their daughters left for University. We would like to say a huge thank you to: **Steph Reynolds** and **Julie Cross** for their service and dedication. They were key to our team and we wish their daughters good luck for the future. However, that does leave a big gap and we are now looking for new members with new ideas and energy to join and get involved.

If you feel you have the time and you would like to get involved with organising events, albeit on a smaller scale this year, please contact us at:
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All are welcome. Thank you.
Lynn Gadsby, PTA Chairperson.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PTA Zoom Meetings

7.30pm – 9pm

8th October 2020

4th November 2020

2nd December 2020

6th January 2021

3rd February 2021

1st March 2021

7th April 2021

5th May 2021

9th June 2021

7th July 2021

TGS PTA Virtual Pet Show

1st October – 11th December

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

After a few months of closure the Uniform Shop is now available [online only](#) and orders can be collected at Student Reception in the Hands Building. We aim to process orders within 3 days and you will receive notification once your order is ready.

If an item is not suitable we will arrange an exchange if returned within a month. However please do bear with us as we now have much tighter COVID-19 regulations to adhere to.

Thank you to those of you that donated uniform over the last month. We are currently looking for good quality donations of **senior skirts, PE hoodies, jumpers & skorts and also summer dresses.**

We would prefer freshly laundered items with no holes or stains. Thank you.

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TGS PTA Virtual Pet Show



Have you been caring for an adorable new pet during lockdown? Does your pet deserve a prize for being a great family companion? This year TGS PTA are trying something different during the festive period in order to raise funds for the school.

The **TGS PTA Virtual Pet Show** is open to all students and members of the community and will enable students to participate safely in a fun activity. It's simple – Upload a perfect picture of your pet and win a prize! Our virtual event will be open from **1st October** until **11th December**. Each entry is **£2.50** and you can enter as many times as you wish.

There are 7 categories to enter, each with a prize plus the 'Best in Show' wins a fabulous Christmas wreath by award winning [Distinctly Floral – Hadlow](#) and a bespoke artwork of their pet created by [Michelle Stanton](#) a local artist and illustrator.



Several local businesses have also made some amazing donations, including: Free entry to [Paws Cat Cafe](#) in Tonbridge, a stylish bandana with your pet's name from [Eltham Gift Shop](#), a personalised food bowl with your pet's name, entry for a family of 4 to [Godstone Park](#), a [Scruffs](#) thermal dog jacket, a full groom voucher from [Lucky Paws Salon](#) in Paddock Wood, a Christmas dog hamper from [Daisy's Pawfect Gifts](#) in Southborough, an hour long pet photo shoot with [Bella Amica](#), 6 personalised cupcakes that look like your pet from Bellebottom Cupcakes, an unforgettable 90 minute owl experience for one lucky person with [UK Owl & Raptor Displays](#), a family ticket to [The Rare Breeds Centre](#), a relaxing dog groom and pamper from [Growler's Groomery](#) in Sevenoaks and lots more prizes for each category.

A massive thank you to all our contributors!

To enter the pet show please click [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support and Good Luck!

FACEMASKS & SCRUNCHIES

With face coverings now compulsory on public transport in shops and at school the PTA now sell facemasks with matching scrunchies. They are available in both TGS summer and winter fabric which we have up-cycled to match school uniform.

Handmade, fully adjustable and 100% washable, each double sided mask comes with a small plastic pouch for safe, clean storage.

All items can be purchased online [here](#). Priced at £4 per mask and £2.50 per scrunchie, they will be made to order and delivered to student reception for collection. Every penny benefits the school, so please support us.

CONTRIBUTORS



Eltham Gift Shop

Personalised gifts for the whole family