

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to introduce myself as the Chair of the Thomas Keble PTA. As you will know it is an important time for the PTA, as we are supporting the school with the fundraising needs for the new build - due to be completed in January. While the school has the budget for the building, we are raising funds for those additional extras we all want the children to have, such as new furniture and updated learning resources across the whole school, including music and PE.

We are proud to say the PTA is hitting its targets, and has already been able to fund for the Humanities department 4 new interactive whiteboards at a price of £8,800, and contribute £2,000 towards new Mac computers for the music department.

This is, of course, a team effort and we hope to plan for the school year to support the school community with both fundraising and social events.

We have break over the summer, and the first event for the new academic year is our PTA AGM on Wednesday 18th September at 6:30pm in the school hall. This is an opportunity for new parents to join in discussions about the new fundraising for the year. We always need parents' help and support for the different events and the more we have in our team the better. We will provide drinks, wine and snacks - do come along and feel free to encourage any friends to join us.

On Monday 4th November, we have the annual Thomas Keble Fireworks Display. While I am relieved to say we have a professional team who run the fireworks side of things, the PTA runs the food and beverage stall for the evening.

In addition to a further nearly new uniform sale, we will host another of our popular Singo Bingo evenings in the Autumn term- If you didn't get to the last one, all we can say is it was pretty epic! The evening was great fun, and included lots of singing and laughter, and I think most remembered they were playing Bingo at the end of the evening. The PTA will run bars at the Christmas concerts and drama productions and dance shows.

We have a large-scale event planned for January 11th (save the date) where we plan to say goodbye to the old building with a day of celebrations of the Thomas Keble journey so far, ending in a musical concert.

As you can see there is a range of ways that you can help even if not directly at the time of the event - including writing letters to request raffle prizes, applying to organisations for grants or even buying items to stock a bar for one of the events.

Please do join us on the 18th September to find out more.

With kind regards,

Debbi Scobell
Chair