

LITTLE BOWDEN PTA NEWSLETTER



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WOW what a long half term!

But great for hosting lots of PTA events for the Little Bowden School community. Our committee has worked tirelessly to ensure the children and their families had a great time, from discos to bingo and even a special visit from Santa! Behind the scenes, we're preparing for some exciting larger-scale projects that we can't wait to share with you in the new year. If you spotted our new purple hi-vis vests, those are for spotting PTA committee members in a crowd at events. Do please come and say 'hello', when you see us.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who lent a hand during our events this half term; your time and support are invaluable to us. If you're interested in joining our amazing group of volunteers, drop us a message.



We wish you all a wonderful festive break and see you in 2024!



What have we been up to this Half Term?



Halloween Disco - Friday 27th October

The school came together to celebrate Halloween with 3 Spooks and Sparkles themed discos! A great range of costumes filled the hall, from skeletons and wolves to Wednesday Adam's and Hermione Granger! Children and teachers alike busted out some great moves on the dance floor! **Whilst having all this fun, we raised a massive £824.05!** Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event!



Feedback from the kids:



Absolutely loved it."



It was the best thing of my week!."



Loved partying with my friends."

Family Bingo Night

After the success of our first bingo night in May, we roped in our bingo caller extraordinaire for another go on the mic. Demand was high again, selling even more tickets than last time and with a room full of eager adults and rowdy kids, the prizes soon started flying off the table. **A bar and tuck shop completed the night, bringing the total raised to a massive £365!** Thank you to all who organised or supported the event, and a big thank you to Mr Brannigan for his bingo calling skills...despite the raucous heckling at times!



Pre-Loved Uniform Sale Thursday 16th November

Lots of people headed to the hall to grab some bargains after school. These sales are always great for grabbing the next size up. **The event raised £145!** If you have any unwanted school uniform to donate, please pop in a bag and place in the collection bin in the front playground. All items should be washed and of good quality. Polo shirts and jumpers must contain the school logo.



Christmas Bauble

Have you seen the Little Bowden PTA bauble on the towns Christmas tree on the market square?



Christmas Jumpers

Donate Your Outgrown Christmas Jumpers to Our Jumper Sale! When you're decluttering after the festive season, don't forget about us. We're organising a **Jumper Sale in late November 2024** and would love any quality used items. Simply place the clean jumpers in a tied bag and drop them off in the uniform donation bin located in the front playground. Thank you for your support!

A Very Festive Friday - Friday 15th December

The day started with Santa visiting all the children in their classrooms. He explored the school ringing his bell as he went. He spent time reading to Reception to Year 4 and helping Year 5 & 6 complete a treasure hunt. The whole school was electric with excitement and hearing the shouts of "it's Santa" was the most magical sound. Every child received a special present. Thank you to the staff for helping make the day so special and the elves who spent many hours wrapping all the presents.

In between reading stories to the children and eating his lunch Santa helped us draw the Winter Raffle on Facebook Live! 54 prizes were donated from so many wonderful companies, congratulations to all the winners. Winning ticket numbers can be found on our social pages and school website. A big thank you to Custom Camper Solutions for donating the star prize, a weekend campervan hire in Clive the Campervan!!!

The day ended with our first ever Festive Friday. Christmas music, snow machine & bubbles filled the front playground as children came out of school. The tuck shop was open along with a lucky dip, cake sale and Christmas treats to buy. Thank you to all the parents who came along, such a lovely way to end the week, very sociable and festive! **Grand total for the whole day was an astonishing £1,500!!**



DATES 2024 FOR YOUR DIARY



Event

Date, Time, & Location

Movie Night

Monday 22nd Jan, 3.15pm.
LITTLE BOWDEN SCHOOL

PTA Meeting

Thursday 25th Jan, 7.30pm.
THE THREE SWANS

Race Night

Friday 9th Feb, 6.00pm.
LITTLE BOWDEN SCHOOL

Non-Uniform

Wednesday 14th Feb, All day.
LITTLE BOWDEN SCHOOL

What has the PTA funded this half term?

- **£588** Year 5 National Space Centre Trip on Thursday 23rd November.
- **£750** towards the Aladdin School Panto- Tuesday 12th December.
- **£400** towards the Reception Panto Trip to The Cube on Tuesday 19th December.
- **£320** for Forest School. 30 pairs of waterproof trousers, light for shed & a pop up tent.