

# Gosden House PTA

## Your Newsletter



### Back to School

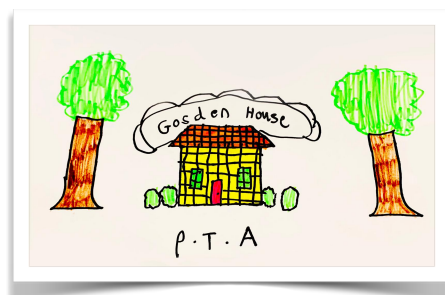
#### We made it through homeschooling!

I'm sure we're all very relieved that we're starting to get a little bit of normality back in our lives, and the children certainly seem to be excited to be back on site with their friends again.

Your PTA have continued throughout this term to support the school, finding ways to raise funds that can be used for our children and looking at ways of bringing our little community even closer together. If you'd like to get involved yourself or have any ideas you'd like to share with us, do contact Rowena via [GosdenPTA@gmail.com](mailto:GosdenPTA@gmail.com) as we are still open for business!

### PTA Logo Design

Following the launch of your new PTA, we asked for your help in designing a logo to help people identify us, something which represents the partnership the PTA has with the school. Miss O'Sullivan really enjoyed looking through all the entries, finally choosing **Willem from Squirrels Class** as the winner, with this colourful and happy image. Thank you from all of us at the PTA Willem and congratulations on winning yourself an Amazon gift voucher too!



### Quiz Night

On Saturday 27th February, we held a Quiz Night for parents, carers, family and friends via Zoom. It was a fantastic evening and **raised a total of £256.90**, which will go straight towards projects that enrich and improve the experience of our children and families at Gosden. It was a close run thing, but the final top four teams who won prizes were:

- ★ 1st place: The Putney Pals
- ★ 2nd place: The Knaphill Quizzes
- ★ 3rd Place: Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
- ★ 4th Place: The Disney Dreamers



We've already been asked when the next one will be running, so if you missed out this time or joined in and fancy another go, do keep an eye out as we might just organise another one if there is sufficient demand.

## What's Coming Up Next?

There are still lots of ways you can get involved with our PTA activities, by getting creative and designing your own Hot Air Balloon for our Virtual Balloon Race, getting active over the holidays and raising money in our Sponsored Easter Walk, or by getting your apron on for our Great Gosden Bake!

### Virtual Balloon Race

We're holding our first ever virtual balloon race over the Easter Break and we'd love for you to get involved! "What is a virtual balloon race?" I hear you ask. Well, essentially its an opportunity for you, your family and friends to get creative and competitive. For **only £3** you can personalise your own online hot air balloon, give it a name, and pitch it against other balloons in our Gosden House Virtual Balloon Race. You'll be able to see the balloons 'in flight' as the race happens and experience nail biting moments as the leaderboard changes.

We have some great prizes on offer for the top 3 balloons, as well as for the last place contender:

- 1st Place Prize - £20 voucher for Sarah's Pop Up Gift Shop, who sell fantastic home accessories and gifts
- 2nd Place Prize - 2 large pizzas from Dominos
- 3rd Place Prize - £10 voucher for The Entertainer Toy Store
- Last Place Prize - A yummy cupcake 'bouquet' from local baker 'Shorty Bakes Cakes'



So, head to <https://www.balloonrace.com/Gosdenpta> to design and name your balloon. Balloons will launch at noon on Monday 29th March, and the race finishes at noon on Easter Monday 5th April. We'll post regular updates on our Facebook page too throughout the race, so have fun and fly high!



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### YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Don't forget we also run a weekly school lottery

This is a great way to support the school, whilst also giving yourself the opportunity to win some cash and other exciting prizes.

Signing up is easy and can cost no more than £1 a week, so why not visit [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play) and search for Gosden House - you could be in with a chance of winning a jackpot of £25,000 with a guaranteed weekly prize for Gosden entrants which currently stands at £17.



Best of luck!



## Sponsored Easter Walk

Over Easter we're also organising a sponsored walk for our children and their families to get involved with. The idea is to get some fresh air over the holidays and clock up as many steps as you can. Sponsorship Forms will be sent out in book bags before Easter, and we ask that all donations are returned to school in a sealed envelope marked 'Gosden PTA' by 30th April 2021, or alternatively directly to our bank account (details at the end of this message) using the reference 'WALK'.

We have some great Easter hampers on offer as follows:

-  2 x hampers for those who clock up the most steps overall
-  1 x hamper for the person who raises the most money

Do keep an eye out in book bags before Easter for more information and perhaps start planning some fun routes. Who and what might you see on your travels?



## Great Gosden Bake



On Sunday 13th June 2021 we have organised an opportunity for our children and their siblings to take part in an online baking tutorial. Sessions will be split by age group (primary & secondary) and we hope this will be a lovely chance for our children to experience a bit of Mary Berry whilst cooking along at home with their friends. We will send out more information and details on how to book nearer the time, but if you think you might like to don your apron and get creative in the kitchen, save the date!

## Charity Golf Day

On Friday 17th September 2021 we will be hosting a very special Charity Golf Day, at the prestigious, members-only Bramley Golf Club. All profits raised from this event will go straight towards our wonderful school, so put the date in your diary, dust off your golf clubs and come along to enjoy a pleasant round of golf with friends.



Included in the price will be a pre-golf bacon roll and coffee, 18 holes of golf on the stunning Bramley course, a two course meal at the clubhouse, and lots of fabulous prizes on offer. The cost for a team of four is £450, but for an additional £50 you can also sponsor a hole (including signage, flyers, acknowledgement during the prize giving ceremony, and promotion on pre-event communications).

To register your interest, either as a team or as a sponsor, please email Kim via [gosdenpta@gmail.com](mailto:gosdenpta@gmail.com). It promises to be a really superb day for our extended Gosden family.

## How can I get involved in the PTA?

There are numerous ways of getting involved, from offering to help out with an event to taking on the role of Class Representative, attending meetings to share your ideas, or simply getting involved in events we run as a participant.

Another way to get involved is to follow our Gosden PTA Facebook page, where we let you know about things that are happening and ask for feedback about ideas we have for the school.



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We appreciate for many people you may not be able to commit time or energy, so if you simply wanted to donate financially to our cause, we are always grateful for additional contributions or prizes for events. Our bank account and contact details are on the right.

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You can also earn money for Gosden by choosing 'Gosden Children First' as your nominated charity on Amazon Smile. Just click on <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1049925-0> and for every purchase you make through the Amazon Smile site, or via the app, Amazon will donate money to Gosden without you needing to lift a finger. Simple!

## Dates for Your Diary



### Virtual Balloon Race

Balloons launch at noon on Monday 29th March - so make sure you've entered your balloon **by Sunday 28th March** to be in the race [www.balloonrace.com/Gosdenpta](http://www.balloonrace.com/Gosdenpta)



### Sponsored Easter Walk

Look out for sponsorship forms in book bags at the end of term. Steps to be logged over the Easter holiday and sponsorship money returned **by 30th April 2021**.



### Your School Lottery

This draws **every Saturday** at 8pm, so make sure to head to [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) to be in with a chance of winning!



### Great Gosden Bake

The online event will be held on **Sunday 13th June 2021**. More details and information on securing your place will be sent out in the Summer Term.



### Charity Golf Day

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