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End of Year Newsletter

3rd July 2020

Hi All

We hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and high spirits.

The summer holidays are rapidly approaching and we're sure you all agree that this isn't the summer term that we had all hoped for. With this in mind and the unprecedented times we continue to find ourselves in, the PTA have been trying to look at ways in which we can move forward and continue to be able to provide fun and exciting events for you all to enjoy – hopefully raising a little bit of money for our school in the process.

As some of you are already aware, during our time away from school, the PTA put on two Facebook live quizzes. Both of which received fantastic feedback, so thank you to everyone that took part and supported us on those. Even during times of uncertainty, GKCS still manages to come together as a community which is what makes our school so special. Congratulations must go to our family quiz winner the Noverre Family as well as our adult quiz team the Hughenden Hecklers!

As we write this newsletter to you all today, we should have been in school getting ready for another spectacular Summer Fayre which was due to take place this Sunday. The PTA Summer Fayre is the event that every year truly does bring our school together as a community, so we feel really sad that this is unable to take place. However, in true PTA style we didn't want to end the school year without an event bringing everyone together one last time...so may we present to you our 'Countdown to the Summer Holidays Virtual Balloon Race'.

Countdown to the Summer Holidays Virtual Balloon Race:

Monday 13 – Friday 17 July 2020

This works in exactly the same way as a normal balloon race – it's just all online instead. All the balloons will be released at Midday on Monday 13th July and we'll have prizes for the three that travel the furthest.

Each balloon costs just £3 so please visit www.balloonrace.com/GKCSPTA to purchase them.

There are other ways you can support the PTA at no cost to you as organisations will give us a percentage of your shopping total, we hope you don't mind but as a reminder these are:

Amazon Smile

Did you know you can select Great Kingshill School Parents Association as your charity of choice for Amazon purchases? Once selected every time you shop on Amazon, they will donate money to us – super easy. It also now works on the app too – just click settings and AmazonSmile and select Great Kingshill School Parents Association.

Easyfundraising

Another great way to raise money without needing to do anything is using Easyfundraising. Please register at www.easyfundraising.org and then shop through this site at a range of online shops which will donate a percentage of your basket (at no cost to you) to the PTA. You can also download an add on to your web browser that alerts you anytime you're on a site that allows easyfundraising donations making it super easy for you.

Stikins: please use code 8388

If you need to order any name labels for clothes etc please use www.stikins.com and use the fundraising number 8388 which will then give the PTA up to 30% commission at no additional cost to you.

Finally, we've been thinking of what we might be able to do when we return to school in the Autumn:

Bag2School: Friday 18 September

We are pleased to announce that we have organised another clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School to raise funds for GKCS PTA. As well as raising funds for our school, this project also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. So, please take the opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate any unwanted textiles.

Bingo Night: September date tbc

We had planned to run a bingo night this term but never fear it will return in September and if we can't hold it in school, we'll do it virtually so watch this space for the date and details when we come back in September.

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AGM Postponed

Normally we would hold our AGM in September when school returns however due to the current situation, we are going to be delaying this until later in the school year. We do hope you understand the reasoning and we will of course provide you notice so you are able to attend once we have a confirmed date.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a lovely summer break. We're looking forward to seeing you all in the autumn.

GKCS PTA Committee



GKCS PTA ASKS YOU TO

Join our Virtual Balloon Race

Monday 13 - Friday 17 July

Balloons cost £3 each and there will be a
prize for the 3 that travel the furthest
(details to follow)

Please purchase balloons via
www.balloonrace.com/gkcspta

Thank you for your support