



PTA Autumn Term Newsletter 2023/24



Your PTA Committee: Lorna Patelaros (Chair and treasurer), Zoe Corrin (class 1 rep), Andrea Cropper (class 2 rep and 2nd hand uniform), Helen Metcalfe (class 3 rep), Julie Lyons (secretary), Emily Farrimond, Amy Wilson.

We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer holiday and we would like to welcome all the new parents to the school. As your PTA throughout the year we hold events to enable us to raise funds to enhance your child's learning and experience while at Antrobus St Marks. Last year through our events and donations we raised an amazing **£7894.95** and spent **£8083.54**.

We are approached by school when they feel something would be beneficial but is beyond the scope of their funding. These requests have ranged from providing classroom resources, homework books, ipads, forest school equipment, new goal posts and benches as well as a variety of trips and experiences. Last year our largest purchases were sound boards for the hall and a play tractor for class 1.

The aim of the events isn't just to raise money however, but also to bring enjoyment to the children and their families and further enhance their time at our wonderful school. This is only possible by the support you give to our events so thank you.

This term we plan to hold fundraising events which will include a **Pumpkin carving** competition judged on 19th October, **Movie Night** on 30th November, **Wreath making** date TBC, **Christmas cards**, an **Elf clothing sale**, **Sponsored Elf dash** on 11th December, **Christmas raffle** and once again a **Christmas Fair** date TBC. We will update you on dates and information as soon as possible. If you have any ideas for future events please email friendsofantrobus@gmail.com .

The **Antrobus Arms** are holding a **Charity Christmas Quiz and Raffle** on Thursday 28th December from 8pm and the money raised will be given to Antrobus PTA and MIND charities.

On Sunday September 24th we are running **Great Budworth Village Teas** at Great Budworth village hall in the afternoon. All the money raised will go to our PTA so please come along to support us and if you would like to help or provide any cakes to sell please email friendsofantrobus@gmail.com .

As Miss Perry mentioned in her newsletter last week, we have purchased maths homework books for the year for all the children. If you would like to donate the cost of this book back to the PTA so we can spend the funds in other areas please either click on the donation link below or transfer to:

Friends of Antrobus School, sort code 20 24 09, account number 93056090 with the reference "maths donation".

We are a small PTA and always looking for new members. If any of you would be interested in joining the PTA we would be thrilled to have you and cannot stress how important new members are to the future of our PTA.

*Our annual **AGM** will be held later in the year at the Antrobus Arms and all are welcome.*

We communicate information via school emails, class WhatsApp groups and our [facebook](#) page. Along with supporting our events there are various ways you can support us throughout the year which are listed below.

Donations

If you would like to make a regular monthly donation to the PTA please email friendsofantrobus@gmail.com to arrange. This is a great way of supporting us and we are incredibly grateful to all the families who do this already. Alternatively by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code at the top of this newsletter you can donate straight to your PTA and be able to gift aid your donation. We can also collect gift aid on any money raised by sponsored events so your support in these areas is particularly appreciated.

[Donate to Friends of Antrobus School Association with Wonderful Payments.](#)

100 Club

For a small **annual** cost of **£10.40** you will be entered into a monthly prize draw to **win either £5, £10 or £25**. It would be fantastic if as well as being members themselves parents could **encourage grandparents, friends and family who may not already take part to join**.

As well as being a great fundraiser for us the prizes are a good incentive for other people to take part who are not directly involved with the school. Forms are available in reception or you can email antrobust100club@gmail.com to organise.

Uniform Sale

Andrea will be continuing to run our preloved school clothes recycling scheme for both ASM logo'ed and unlogo'ed uniform. She has lots of great quality items, some of which are displayed in reception. Supporting this scheme not only saves you money and raises us money but it also supports the zero waste initiative that is so important. If you have clothes to donate please inform Andrea to organise a collection. You can request items via the WhatsApp group she has organised and she operates a try before you buy policy. Anything unsold will be donated to CareUK charity. If you have not had an invite to join the group please email friendsofantrobust@gmail.com. If you feel you are able help Andrea with the sale of preloved clothes please also get in contact it would be very much appreciated.

Easyfundraising (raises money that is sent directly to school)

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause. Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. Their retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you".

They have 3,989 retailers to choose from and so far have raised over £30 million for thousands of community groups, schools, sports clubs, small and large charities across the UK. Easy!

Simply follow this link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>



www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/antrobusschool

Paypal giving

If you use Paypal you can select the 'More' tab in the app and select 'Support a charity' then select Friends of Antrobus School PTA to support. Paypal runs various charity Paypal donation events during the year and having us selected means we can take advantage of these.

The 100 Book Reading Challenge

Since 2018 we have run the 100 books reading challenge. This is a list of 100 fiction books all children should read before leaving primary school as voted by teachers nationally.

Each child in school when they first started was given an exercise book containing the full list of titles in which they can write their own review or draw a picture about the books they have read. If this record book is lost the children are welcome to use any alternative book to make a log of their progress and Miss King has spare lists of the books that can be collected.

At the end of the school year each teacher will choose a student they feel has progressed most in their reading and we will award them with a prize. If a student manages to complete the full list of titles before leaving primary school they will be awarded an extra special prize for their efforts.

Year 6 Enterprise

We provide a float containing £10 for each child in year 6. Over the course of the year they are to use their initiative to use this money to make a profit. At the end of the year the float and money raised will be split evenly between the children. The aim is to give the children responsibility and show them what they can achieve. We look forward to seeing their ideas and hope you will support their efforts whatever they may be.

I can be contacted on 07867848058 or emailed at friendsofantrobus@gmail.com

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and as always for all the ongoing support you give us.

From,

Lorna and everyone on your PTA