

# Newsletter

October 2020



Your PTA Committee: Lorna Patelaros (Chair and class 3 rep), Rachel Ollier (class 1 rep), Katie Ford (class 2 rep), Davina Ramsdale (class 4 rep), Helen Metcalfe, Julie Lyons, Sue Lawless, Sophie Semp, Andrea Cropper and Elin Crotty

**WELCOME** 🙌

We would like to welcome all our new starters at Antrobus St Marks as well as welcome back all our returning pupils and their families.

As with all aspects of our lives this year is going to be a very different year for us as your PTA. In the past we have held fundraising events for the school's children, parents and grandparents. The events have enabled us to raise funds to enhance your child's learning and experience while at Antrobus St Marks. 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 to a new reading scheme, ipads, forest school equipment, trips and experiences. The aim of the events isn't just to raise money however, but also to bring enjoyment to the children and further enhance their time at our wonderful school. This year we will try our best to continue to meet both these aims while abiding by the government guidelines.

*If any of you would be interested in joining the PTA or have any ideas for events we would love to hear from you.*

I can be contacted on 07867848058 or emailed at [friendsofantrobus@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofantrobus@gmail.com). Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and all the ongoing support you give us. From, Lorna

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Last year we held 4 fundraising events in the winter term and raised £1437.21, 100 Club raised £1210.46 and we received £1054.36 in donations. We are sure you will agree this is fantastic for a small village school. If you would like to make a regular monthly donation please email [friendsofantrobus@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofantrobus@gmail.com) to arrange. This is a great way of supporting us this year especially when our fundraising event options will be more limited. We are incredibly grateful to all the families who do this already.

## THIS TERMS EVENTS

### Sponsored Walk



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Unfortunately due to Covid this event was cancelled back in March 2020. We have decided to run the event with a difference. Instead of us doing the walk as a group and all finishing at the fantastic Cheshire Alpacas, we are inviting you to do the walk at your own convenience and in smaller groups as per government guidelines.

There are 3 options of distance: 2.3km, 4km and 6.5km - you can complete this any time up until Christmas. If you wish to take part please email us and we will email you routes, a map, a quiz and a sponsorship form. The children will each receive a treat for taking part.

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### 100 Club

For a small **yearly** 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 from Rachel, Elin or Andrea.

We are going to run a Blue Peter style competition this term (separate letter will follow) inviting all children to design a new A4 poster to advertise 100 Club. The children will each receive a treat for taking part.

There will be a winner picked from each class who will receive a prize and an overall winner who's poster will be displayed outside school and will be printed onto the new leaflets advertising the club.

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### Pumpkin carving competition



As a celebration of harvest, we are once again inviting the children to carve pumpkins. If they wish to take part please can they bring the pumpkin and donation for entry in on the last 2 days before half term to be judged. There will be a winner from

each class and a donation box in reception for taking part.

## Elf and Christmas outfits

We will be running a sale of recycled Elf and Christmas outfits in December in preparation for Elf day and school Christmas activities.

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## Christmas cards



Later this term we will be working once again with the external company 'My Art Project' to produce Christmas cards, tags and paper along with other products for you to order.

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## Uniform Sale

Andrea will be running a school clothes recycling scheme for both ASM logo'ed and unlogo'ed uniform. If you have clothes to donate please inform Andrea to organise collection. The uniform will be advertised via the WhatsApp group she has organised to sell. Anything unsold will be donated to CareUK charity. If you have not had an invite to join the group please email [friendsofantrobus@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofantrobus@gmail.com).

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## **Easy Fundraising**

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/antrobuschool](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/antrobuschool)

# 100+ Book Challenge:



The 100+ books reading challenge is successfully ongoing! This is a list of a 100 fiction books all children should read before leaving primary school as voted by teachers nationally.

Each child in school has 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. These are monitored by the class teachers. Please note that if this record book is lost the children are welcome to use any alternative book to make a log of their progress.

At the end of the school year each teacher will choose a student they feel has progressed most in their reading and they will be awarded 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.

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## HOW THE FUNDS RAISED HAVE HELPED:

In the last school year (September–March) funds raised provided:

- ★ Rock Star Tables subscription
- ★ Class resources
- ★ Rugs for class 1 and 2
- ★ Young enterprise Year 6 fund
- ★ Forest school equipment
- ★ My Maths subscription
- ★ Twinkl subscription
- ★ Library books
- ★ Wonder Dome solar system experience

We are looking forward to an exciting year of fundraising and supporting our wonderful school.