



TGS PTA NEWS UPDATE

AUTUMN/WINTER 2019

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Thanks to all the hard work of our amazing volunteers and the support shown by our parents and teachers the PTA were able to donate £19,000 to the school last year. This was largely donated to the Science Department for the refurbishment of the labs and we also funded a new laser printer. The PTA also pledged £2,000 for extra bag storage which was requested by the girls' Dragon's Den project.

The new PTA team, with the help of the STEAM staff, are currently working on the largest fundraising event in the PTA calendar **The Winter Wonderland**. All proceeds raised at this event will benefit STEAM projects so please get involved in whatever way you can whether that is volunteering to help or run a stall or by bringing your family to the Fair. Last year we raised over £10,500 and this year we're aiming even higher! Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the legendary hampers. It's all for a great cause.

Lynn Gadsby, PTA Chairperson.

THE PTA WINTER WONDERLAND **8th DECEMBER / 11- 3PM**

This year's **Winter Wonderland** is going to be an exciting fun packed event for all ages! Entry is only £1 and we have organised a huge indoor Christmas market, with over 50 stalls selling beautiful gifts, hand crafted textiles, jewellery, books, candles, clothing and local artisan foods. Perfect timing to purchase Christmas gifts and stocking fillers.

Open to all ages, our main attraction is the indoor disco roller skating rink. You can pre-book your 1 hour session online [here](#) to guarantee admission or turn up on the day. This is proving very popular so please book to avoid disappointment.

The STEAM staff will be organising **Santa's Interactive Workshop Experience**. Lasting 30 minutes, Santa's helpers have lots of fun activities for you to choose from such as using the laser cutter to make your own tree bauble, firing Santa's rocket sleigh, making a gingerbread house or having a go on the snowball firing range! Something for everyone plus goodie bag to take home!

In addition we have a **Magic Mirror Elfie booth**, festival **glitter face painting**, **Bungee Trampolines** and other games in the Sports Hall. We will of course have our **Christmas Café** selling hot drinks & tasty snacks. The Old Fire Station will be providing a full bar and **Apple Pie Mulled Cider** to tempt your taste buds. There will be a **hog roast** and a **waffle bar...** and SO MUCH MORE. The **TGS Hamper Raffle** winners will be drawn at 3pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20th September 7.30-9.30pm
Year 7 Disco

Friday 1st November
Own Clothes Day

Friday 6th December
TGS Christmas Bake-off

Sunday 8th December
11-3pm
Winter Wonderland

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Online Uniform shop:
www.pta-events.co.uk/tgs.

You can buy online and pick up at school. If an item is not suitable we will gladly arrange an exchange if returned within a month.

If you have any outgrown uniform which is in good condition, please donate it by handing it in to the main reception.

We also now sell locker padlocks.





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The **TGS Bake Off** will be held in conjunction with the Winter Fair. Open to both parents and children or a collaboration of both. The PTA would like bakers to make a **Winter Wonderland** themed showstopper of their choice.

There will be top prizes handed to the 3 best cakes.

All show stoppers should be handed in on **Friday 6th December** ready for judging. Cakes will be sold to raise funds for the school at the Winter Fair.



Tickets for the legendary **TGS Hamper Raffle** will be on sale in November. This year we have 9 hampers named after Santa's Reindeer.

We have already had many amazing donations from local businesses including family vouchers for Leeds Castle, Chimera climbing & a local paintballing company. Plus some fabulous wine from The Secret Cellar in Tunbridge Wells.

We will add these to all of your donations on Contributions day.

Thanks to **Castle Cars Tonbridge** who have generously sponsored our raffle again this year.



GET INVOLVED! For the TGS Winter Fair to be a success help is needed on Friday 1st November contributions day and then to set up and run various games and stalls at the Fair. Please volunteer via the website.

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YEAR 7 DISCO

Always a popular event, the **New Year 7 Disco on Friday 20th September** was attended by over 140 of the new year 7 girls last year as well as 50 Judd boys. Tickets are almost sold out and there are limited numbers so if you haven't signed up please buy your ticket before we sell out. It is a great opportunity for the girls to enjoy a fun evening with their new friends, last year the event raised over £600 for the PTA. Entry is by pre-purchased ticket only, door entries on the night will not be accepted.

Year 7 parents, we are still looking for volunteers to help at this event so please sign up on the website or contact us at pta@tgs.kent.sch.uk.

OWN CLOTHES DAY

TGS PTA Own Clothes Contributions Day will be held on **1st November**. This is a whole school non-uniform day and we are asking for donations of new and unused quality items that will make good prizes and hamper fillers at the Winter Fair, e.g. chocolate, wine, toiletries & cosmetics, gift sets, books, jewellery and stationery. We are also happy to receive unused, unwanted or recycled gifts.

Would your company be able to **donate a prize for the Raffle?** Contact us at pta@tgs.kent.sch.uk