

PTA WINTER UPDATE – DECEMBER 2020

The PTA held it's AGM by zoom on the 3rd November. In the meeting several longstanding members stood down. Thank you to them for their support over the years. Thank you also to the new faces that joined us!

For 20/21 your PTA consists of:

Co-Chairs – Heather Parkinson & Samantha Arthur, Vice Chairs – Helen Saunders & Tamsin Morris, Treasurer – Joanne Jones & Tom Bassett, Secretary – Emma Laycock. Committee Members: Wendy Davies, Charlotte Gibson, Karen Richardson, Katie Cooze, Heath Brett, Kirsty Richards and Linda Evans.

The above positions within the PTA are nominated roles. We also have many active volunteers who assist the PTA in lots of wonderful ways such Laura Bishop Reynolds who helps us with our design/marketing. We warmly welcome new people, with new ideas/skills and bags of enthusiasm, so don't just think about it, please get in touch. We'd love to have you and the school really does require *a lot* of help with raising funds in such challenging times.

At the AGM the PTA reflected on the events and initiatives held in the previous academic year. Rags 2 Riches, Halloween Disco, Nearly New sale, Christmas Fayre, Christmas cards, Pancake Stall, Quiz, Cake Stalls, Easy Fundraising. Together with the Co-op grant for technology the PTA raised £13,700! That's an amazing achievement! Thank you to every one of you that helped the PTA achieve this.

The PTA's ethos is to assist the school to enhance the learning experience of every child at the school. Requests for funding from the PTA come direct from teachers and reasons must be given for why such funding is needed. It is then voted on at PTA meetings. So far this year the PTA has helped fund Sumdog for another year, this is an online spelling and maths programme which the juniors love, outdoor PE equipment for year 2, 28 computers for key stage 2, £50 for every class for Christmas crafting and the year 6 leavers hoodies. The main aim for 2021 is to continue to raise funds for items for all years but also to assist the school in funding some much needed new play equipment for the junior yard.

As well as the PTA committee all classes have a PTA class representative. They help pass on information about the PTA and PTA events via each classes Facebook page (and when they return) help to manage their classes Friday bake sales. The current PTA class reps are:

Nursery AM – Katie Cooze

Reception KP/CC – Ellie Jones/Kirsty Richards

Y1 SDK – Hannah Chriswick

Y2 DD/VE – Verity DiFrancesco

Y3 SW/PR – Zoe Jones

Y4 SW – Lucy Haines

Y5 JH – Emma Laycock

Y6 JC – Kath Bishop

Nursery PM – Tamsin Morris

Reception KE/SM – Sam Arthur/Linda Evans

Y1 LO/ER – Janine Walters

Y2 MJ – Heather Parkinson

Y3 NT – Helen Saunders

Y4 SK – Rachel Bull

Y5 JM/CJ – Janine Walters/Lisa Powell

Y6 LJ – Vicky Winchester

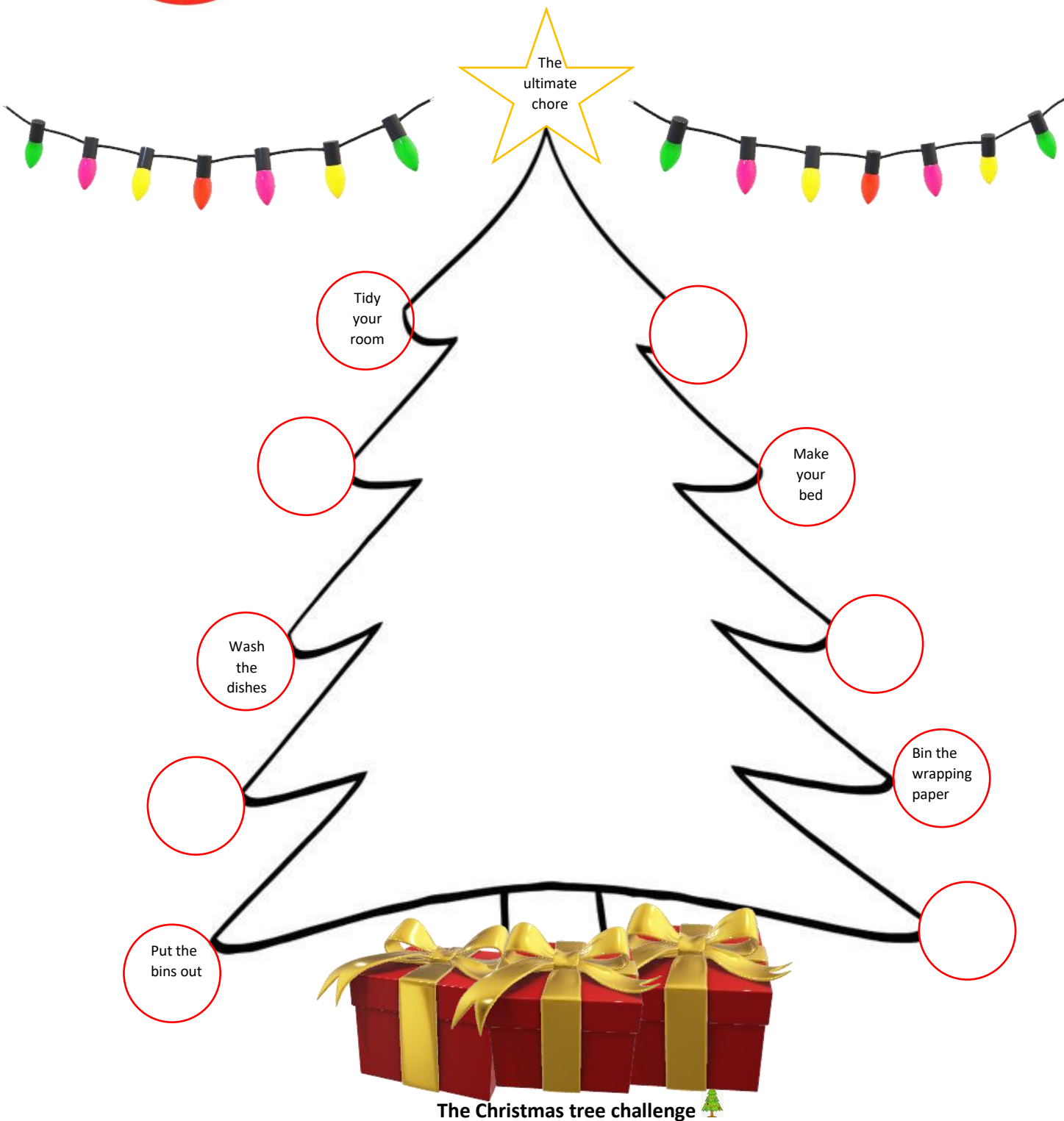
Please join your classes FB page, the PTA Sketty Primary School FB page and SPS Used Uniform FB Sale page for some preloved school uniform bargains! In the run up to Christmas we are also encouraging people to sell quality preloved toys **on the uniform page only**. Please ensure you make at least a £1 donation to the PTA and stay safe when buying/selling.

Halloween like most things in 2020 was a bit different this year. Unable to have a F2F disco, with the help of two year 6 mums (DJ Viki La Metz & Sali Earls) we held our first PTA zoom disco. It will never replace the real deal but we hope it was a bit of fun for the children. This event raised £150.

If you bought them, you should also have received your child's Christmas cards and mugs. Thank you again for your support with this initiative. It raised a whopping £1300 this year! Please remember you can continue to support the PTA when shopping online via 'easyfundraising'. It won't cost you a penny extra via one of their 3,241 shops/sites. It's like cashback for the PTA. Next time you shop online go via www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for **Sketty Parent Teacher Association** and **JOIN** then **SHOP** it's as easy as that! Please also have a sort over Xmas ready for another **Rags2Riches on 10th MARCH 2021!**

And finally.....the PTA elves have been busy helping Santa (financially & logistically!) provide a selection box for every child. We hope they enjoy this. Thank you for your support in 2020! We wish you a safe and happy Christmas. Please see over for our PTA Christmas Tree Challenge. The class that returns in 2021 having raised the most money gets to keep the money so the teacher can buy something for their class!

SKETTY SCHOOL PTA CHRISTMAS TREE CHALLENGE



The Christmas tree challenge 🌲

As you complete each chore, ask your grown up for a coin to stick to the bauble (Top tip: if you don't have coins, add it all up and pay online PTA ACCOUNT DETAILS: Account Name: Sketty School Association Sort Code: 40-43-32 Account Number: 51047671 PLEASE USE REFERENCE: CTC Teachers name)

★ Fill the empty baubles with chores of your own

★ Colour in the tree

★ Highest raising class wins their money back to spend! ★ Most creative 'Ultimate Chore' will win a prize!