



2020 CHRISTMAS UPDATE

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to our Christmas update. We would like to start by apologising for the delay in communicating our plans for the 2020/21 school year. I'm sure you can appreciate that the evolving Covid-19 restrictions has made it impossible to plan any of our usual attended events.

By now, we would have normally held our Halloween and Christmas discos, together with the Annual General Meeting (which was scheduled to take place in September 2020).

Mr Blackburn has fed back to us the PTA queries he's received which we'll cover in this update along with how you can still help us fundraise remotely (**please read the last page!**).

Stay safe, look out for each other and hopefully we'll see you in 2021.

Regards,
Ellenbrook PTA Committee

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

We had planned to hold the meeting in September 2020 and all parents would have been invited to attend. It was decided to postpone the AGM until such time that it is feasible to have unrestricted attendance, particularly due to process required for voting in a new committee. If the Covid restrictions continue, it is likely that the next AGM will be held during September 2021 (at the earliest).

CHRISTMAS CARDS & MERCHANDISE (MY ART PROJECT)

In previous years the children have completed their own artwork for you to order as Christmas cards and mugs etc from Myartproject.co.uk. Unfortunately, My Art Project were unable to offer this service to us this year due to their limited Covid staffing arrangements. We hope this will return to normal for Christmas 2021.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT (2020)

We are mindful that we are still in possession of payments for this year's event that was cancelled (in anticipation of the first national lockdown). We are looking into a Covid secure way of returning those payments in the new year.

2020/21 ATTENDED EVENTS

There are currently no attended events planned for the remainder of the 2020/21 school year due to the uncertainty surrounding the Covid restrictions.

Our attended events usually require 5 to 6 weeks of planning to allow for the process of ticketing, arrangement of supplies & services etc together with the consideration of school holiday timings. Therefore, it is unfeasible to arrange events until such time that there is certainty they can go ahead.

Our last event of the school year is usually the Summer Fair which is by far our biggest revenue maker (circa £ 5k). We would have planned to commence arrangements in January 2021 for a Summer Fair in June 2021. This gives you an indication of the timescale required in normal circumstances and the challenge we'll face should the opportunity arise to hold the event at short notice.

THE PTA COMMITTEE

The Committee is currently formed by 3 parents and is supported by Mr Blackburn.

Chair:	Stephen Ross	Vice Chair:	Mark Butler
Secretary:	Vacancy	Treasurer:	Nicole Au

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www.facebook.com/ellenbrookpta

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[@pta_primary](https://twitter.com/pta_primary)

PTAsocial 

<https://app.ptasocial.com/register/ellenbrookpta>

Email (new) 

ellenbrookprimarypta@gmail.com

PTA MEETINGS

We have not held any meetings this Autumn term, but it is our intention to convene a virtual meeting in the new year which will be open to all parents. Hopefully we can improve on the attendance of last year's meetings which consisted on average of **ONE** parent per meeting (in addition to the Committee members and Mr Blackburn).

The intention of the meeting will be to discuss ideas of what feasible Covid safe / virtual activities we can consider arranging for the remainder of the 2020/21 school year.



PTA FUNDRAISING

DO YOU SHOP USING AMAZON?

Amazon will give 0.5% of the purchase price (excluding VAT and other shipping fees) of your eligible items to the PTA via the Amazon Smile Platform. The best thing is it costs nothing!

It's easy to register and then you can USE YOUR AMAZON APP AS NORMAL. The best thing is it costs nothing!

Step 1: Using your web browser, register at:



And select 'Ellenbrook Primary School PTA'

Step 2: Then, In your Amazon app, go to your account options and select 'Amazon Smile' or 'change charity'. (This step may vary depending on which version of the Amazon app you have and you may need to download the latest version)

Step 3: That's it. Your all done! All you have to do is shop as normal.

We still only have a GRAND TOTAL OF 53 PEOPLE supporting us when they shop with Amazon. The donations will make a massive difference to the funds we are missing out on this year.

We are reaching out to all the families associated with the school and the wider Ellenbrook Community - Please can we ask that you make every effort to sign up and encourage others to do the same!

Relatives, friends and colleagues can all choose us as their Amazon charity!