



## Dates for your Diary

### Wednesday 30th September

Harvest Festival

### Friday 2nd October

Non-uniform day (Autumn themed wear what you like)

### Wednesday 28th October/ Thursday 29th October

Parents Evening

### Friday 30th October

Decorate a wooden spoon  
(Halloween themed)

### Tuesday 3rd November

PTA meeting 6pm (Microsoft Teams)

### Wednesday 18th November

Stirring the Pudding assembly  
9am

## Exciting News!

It's very nice to be able to send a Newsletter with good news!

Mr. Pochin has very kindly given the school another garden to use, in return for a posey of flowers (to be grown in the garden). It will need some work to get it up to scratch and so he has also kindly offered the services of his gardener. We will, however, still need a lot of volunteers/helpers to make it a wonderful space for the children to not only plant and grow, but a wonderful space to play! This will require a lot of funding and so this year we are going to set a fundraising target specifically for this purpose. To help us along, Mr. Pochin has made an amazing gesture and has offered to match our garden fundraising pound for pound! We are setting the fundraising target at £20,000 (including Mr. Pochin's donation). This may seem like a huge amount but we are already off to a great start as parents at the school, Amit and Kaushika Chohan have donated a whopping **£2,500** to start us off! This is an extremely generous donation and we thank them sincerely!

So, in summary, what we need from you is a massive push to raise money for the project and very importantly, your time! If you have any skills that could assist with this project, we'd love to hear from you.

You can contact Mrs. Sharpe directly or email us at [pochinpta@gmail.com](mailto:pochinpta@gmail.com) with any ideas you may have or to offer your services. Thank you!

## Fundraising

Fundraising for this project will be done in a variety of ways. We will be unable to organise large events, but there are still lots of ways we can raise money:

- Non-uniform Day - this has been arranged for 2nd October with an Autumn theme.
- Decorate a Wooden Spoon has been arranged for 30th October. This will have a Halloween theme.
- eBay - we are setting up an eBay shop to sell donated items. If you have any items that you feel we could sell to raise money, please let us know.

- Sponsored events - we are looking to organise sponsored events that can take place out of school hours with family.
- Quizzes - we are looking to organise quizzes for parents and children to participate in.
- Recipe Book - we will be in touch very soon to ask parents to send in their favourite recipes. This will then be made into a recipe book to be sold.
- Raffle - with Autumn Fair cancelled this year, we would like to still go ahead with the Grand Raffle. We will be contacting local businesses to ask for donations for the raffle. If you have new, unwanted items we could include in this raffle or know of a company that could donate items/vouchers, it would be very much appreciated.
- Clothes donations - with Jimmy Joes being cancelled, we have looked at other ways to facilitate the clothes donations. We have arranged for the school to have its own textile bank and Thorpe Farm/ Roots have very kindly agreed to have the bank located at the farm for use by parents, family and the general public. The company supplying the bank will then pay us for every kilo donated. We will be in touch with more details once it has been delivered.
- Easyfundraising - as always, we still have Easyfundraising in place (details below).

Some very exciting things to look forward to that will hopefully raise lots of money towards the garden project target!

If you can think of any other ways we could raise money, please let us know!

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### *Easyfundraising*

As always, you can help us raise funds by using Easyfundraising when shopping online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. You have raised over £600 so far by using this tool!

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started! You can find our easyfundraising page here: [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/barkbypochinpta/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=en-e2](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/barkbypochinpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e2)

Thank you!

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## *PTA Meeting*

The PTA Annual General Meeting was held on 9th September 2020, Minutes attached. The elected Committee for 2020/2021 are as follows:

Chair: Jenni Smith / Vice Chair: Sejal Brahmbhatt

Secretary: Louise Taylor / Vice Secretary: Lisa Yip

Treasurer: Hannah Surtees / Vice Treasurer: Nicola Tighe

Class Liaisons:

Class 1 - Sonal Somani

Class 2 - Insiya Maimoon

Class 3 - Tara Bird

Class 4 - Michelle Massey

Class 5 - open

If you are a parent of a class 5 pupil and you could assist us by being the class liaison, we'd love to hear from you.

The next PTA Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 3rd November at 6pm via Microsoft Teams. Please let us know if you would like to attend and we will email an invitation.

## *Stay Informed*

Please continue to check the PTA page link on the school website <http://www.pochin.leics.sch.uk/pta.htm> and like our Facebook page 'Pochin School PTA' <https://www.facebook.com/Pochin-School-PTA-288814477798698> for updates. Once again, please don't hesitate to contact any of the committee with any queries, questions or ideas you may have. You can also e-mail us at [\*\*pochinpta@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:pochinpta@gmail.com) or be included in the PTA WhatsApp group.

Thank you for your continued support!

