



Friends of Southover School PTA NEWSLETTER

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Welcome!

We were thrilled that our Taskmaster family fun night was such a hit and raised **£463.80** for the school. It was a crazy fun-filled night that saw teams displaying their music knowledge, identifying teachers from their baby photos, and even making Mrs Short as a biscuit! The overall winners were the Awesome Frogs, seen here lifting the trophy. Congratulations!



As always, a special thank you to those that attended: to the bar team, to Laura Tulloch for supplying yummy food, and to the amazing Mark Stubberfield who is sadly moving on this year and will no longer be our fabulous master of games fun. If you fancy taking over the mic as our new quiz/games master, please do get in touch.

We have been left utterly amazed again this month to receive another parent match funding donation from Netflix of more than **£5,000** in relation to them volunteering at

our fabulous Christmas fair. Thank you to Netflix, and also to the parent for continuing to pursue the matched funding that their employer offers. We encourage everyone to look out for such opportunities, and can help with any required information or documents.

Next up for family fun is our Glow Disco, which takes place on Friday 28 March (link for ticket sales on page 2). So get ready to dust off those day-glow leggings.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: THANK YOU KATE!



We're saying a heartfelt thank you to our fantastic PTA secretary, Kate, as she steps down from her role. Kate has been an invaluable part of the team, keeping everything organised behind the scenes.

Reflecting on her time with us, she said: "I volunteered for the role of secretary because I was really impressed with what the PTA team achieved and could see it would be fun and rewarding to get involved. I wasn't wrong! I've learnt a lot about my strengths – and weaknesses – by helping out, and it's been very satisfying to be part of a lovely team that achieves so much for our kids."

With Kate moving on, we're now looking for someone to take on this key role. The secretary helps with admin, organising meetings, and keeping track of PTA activities. Kate added: "I'm not someone that is always at the school gates, or even at all the events. But I like organising things, and am happy to do a little admin from home if it helps the team. That is really all that is involved in the secretary role – and it has been lovely to see that a little bit of my time can make a difference."

If you're organised, enjoy working with a team, and want to support our school in a flexible way, we'd love to hear from you. No experience is needed—just a willingness to help. Get in touch to find out more.

Email: southoverfriendspta@gmail.com

Post: Use the Friends Box opposite the school office

Friends of Southover Primary School – closed group

@SouthoverSchool

Spending stories

At our last meeting we approved more than **£9,000** worth of spending for the school from our funds. Some of that is yet to be spent, but we can confirm that the reception playground has had some super new interactive toys.

Mr Breese sent through a comprehensive list of items that would improve the learning environment of reception class. This included

builder role play kit, tyres, digging area, and "explorer bench" and various other construction toys. We approved these, at an expense of £1,600.

They are now in situ and being enjoyed by the children as you can see from the photos.

We have also approved funding for a magic show, mud kitchen, tough trays for the nurture classroom and more dyslexic specialist books for the library.



PTA piggybank update...

Money raised since the last newsletter

Taskmaster Fun Night: **£463.80**

Any regular donations : **£140**

JustGiving: **£12.50**

Preloved uniform sale: **£178**

Clothes recycling: **£85**

Parent match funding: **£5,054**

Cake Sale: **£194.21**



Situations vacant

Gazebo coordinator: We'd still love a parent to step up to become an expert on all things gazebo! It basically involves setting the gazebos up and then ensuring they get packed away correctly with the help of the PTA.

Secretary: We need a new secretary starting from September 2025. Kate our current secretary is stepping down but will do a full handover and will be available for full support during the settling in period

As Secretary, you will:

- Be a charity trustee of the Friends of Southover
- Assist in organising meetings - circulating materials and taking minutes
- Help communicate key information to parents and staff

- Maintain PTA documents and correspondence as required by charity commission
- Work closely with the chair and committee to support PTA events and activities

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THE PTA NEEDS YOU!

SECRETARY WANTED

Are you: Good at communicating? Organised? Motivated? Detail Orientated?

Then step right up and join the team as our new secretary.

You will be an essential member of our fun, friendly and supportive PTA making a real difference to your children's school.

SOUTHOVER SCHOOL GLOW DISCO
WITH DJ EM

EASTER CRAFTS, EASTER TOMBOLA & GLOW UP FACE PAINTING
COMING SOON - FRIDAY 28TH MARCH



Coming up...

Get your glow on – it's disco time!

Friday 28 March — Session 1: 5.30–6.30pm | Session 2: 7-8pm

Tickets cost £3.50 per person via PTA Events website. Entrance will be via Potters Lane. No ticket sales on the door so please purchase your tickets online before the event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For ticket sales: www.pta-events.co.uk/southover

And to help us out on the night: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BAAA72BAAF1-55643737-easter#

Preloved uniform and cake sale

Thursday 3 April

After school in the playground.

Regular Giving

We would be so grateful for a regular donation to the school, please find the details and link on how to do so here. Regular donations help us plan our income and are a great way to contribute if you can't help in other ways... <https://www.justgiving.com/friendsofsouthoverps>



Regular Giving

The EASIEST way to contribute towards your child's education at Southover!

▶ Regular donations make a very real difference to the amount raised by the Friends of Southover to support our school. ◀

A little goes a long way

£3
a month
the same as a cup of coffee


£10
a month
the same as a box of beer

£20
a month
the same as a round of drinks

If each household in the school contributed just £3 a month, we would raise nearly £8,000 more every year!

How to set up your donation

- ▶ **Online:** Use our online fundraising platform at <https://www.justgiving.com/friendsofsouthoverps>
- ▶ **By standing order:** Friends of Southover, sort code: 60-13-09, account number: 42359074



We of course welcome one-off donations. You can donate by scanning the QR code here.

Keeping in touch

To be kept informed on all the community and fundraising events, you can follow our Facebook group here: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/122360454487514/>

You can find past newsletters here: <https://www.southoverprimary.co.uk/the-friends-of-southover-primary-school-pta/>

If you are new to the school and you haven't yet been included in your child's school class WhatsApp, please contact the PTA on southoverfriendspta@gmail.com and we will endeavour to get you connected.

And finally...

Our new fantastic summer fair team are already planning our most popular community event of the year. If you'd like to get involved let us know, we'd love to hear your ideas.

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter,

Carolyn, Kate & Hannah.



Carolyn Sparks
Chair & Communications



Kate Land
Secretary



Hannah Fielding
Treasurer

Easyfundraising

You can raise an incredible £100 donation for Friends of Southover Primary School when you book a holiday with TUI! Only available until the end of March, all you need to do is sign up to easyfundraising and book with TUI via easyfundraising's website. Your holiday will cost the same, but our school will benefit from a huge donation. Find out more below and sign up to support us: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/tui-classroom-commitment/>

