

## PATCH Autumn newsletter 2022

Hello and welcome to the very first PATCH update letter of the Autumn term. We are thrilled to be back and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead! We have a lot coming up and are excited to share some opportunities with you!

Sarah Cooney – PATCH chair



Last year the PATCH team changed, we got a new chair, vice chair and new members. It's been great to have some new faces and it's amazing what we've achieved!

Coming out of the Covid pandemic had its own challenges and as we crept back into 'normality' we gradually brought back some old favourite events and activities such as the discos, the summer fair, leavers hoodies and parties and SAT's parties. All of these events relied heavily on volunteers and the generosity of the school community and we cannot thank you enough.

This new academic year is bringing a whole new chance for us to make our events even bigger and better! We've got so much in store and we can't wait to share it all with you! As a group, we need to develop ideas to raise funds to help finance the school minibus, to support the costs of school trips, and organise and facilitate the events. New ideas and expertise are always welcome!

### Volunteers – we need you!

For every event we will send out a letter asking for volunteers but here's some dates to get in your diary in advance if you are able to help for an hour or so!!

**Wellness evening** – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Discos** – supervising, serving squash etc. DBS checked and pediatric first aid is a huge bonus!

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS	4.15pm - 5.15pm
	Year 2	5.30pm – 6.30pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Yrs 3 & 4	5pm - 6.15pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1	4.15pm – 5.15pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Yrs 5 & 6	5pm – 6.15pm

**Christmas fair** – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – set up and event help, running stalls and clear down

Throughout the year we also provide refreshments for various coffee mornings, meetings etc, if you are able to help serve tea and coffee for an hour or so then please email [patch@teachpoole.com](mailto:patch@teachpoole.com) to be notified of opportunities!

## Donations needed

We need donations to help with our fundraising and we have a standard list that we will always accept:

**Raffle prizes** we are very happy to promote your business in exchange!

**Wine** for our ever-popular water to wine stall

**Toiletries** – in date and sealed

**Soft toys** – good condition

**Tombola items** – in date, sealed and in good condition

So if you're having a clear out and come across any unwanted items please consider dropping off to the school office making it clear they're donations for PATCH!

## Sponsorship opportunities

Every event has a cost to put on and we would love to be able to give the school as much as we can so if you / your business is able to offer sponsorship to any event throughout the year it would be a huge help. We have around 840 children at our schools so the reach to parents and families around Canford Heath is huge.



Sponsorship opportunities can vary from sponsoring the raffle (your logo and information will be on every raffle ticket circa 5000). Sponsoring the entire event with your details being on all publicity, social media and school communications regarding the event. Or as simple as providing volunteers to help facilitate and run the events.

To discuss all opportunities please contact Sarah (PATCH chair) by emailing [patch@teachpoole.com](mailto:patch@teachpoole.com)

## Did you know... Amazon Smile



Did you know that you can help PATCH (and therefore your child's school) every time you order from Amazon?! Sign up once to their Amazon Smile scheme, select P.A.T.C.H and friends as your chosen charity and every time you shop we will automatically benefit, with no cost or hassle for you!

## Next meetings:

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at Canford Heath Junior School

AGM – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at Canford Heath Infant School – join us for Cheese and Wine!

All welcome!!