

The Huddle

An update from The Westgate School Parent & Staff Association (PSA)



Summer 2023

Welcome to the Summer edition of our PSA newsletter, The Huddle.

A huge thank you to you all for a fantastic year of fun and fundraising; the second-hand uniform and refreshments teams, Summer and Christmas Fair tribes, PSA committee, and the wonderful school community for your support and enthusiasm.



With our fresh new committee in place, we are looking forward to further expanding our events calendar – and of course supporting the school with fundraising to enhance our children's educational experience.

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Have a fantastic summer break and we will see you in September, from your PSA team.

Fantastic response to PSA in Need

Following the AGM in June, we put out an urgent call for volunteers to bring new energy and revitalise the PSA team. What a fantastic response! Thank you to each and every person who came forward to offer their time, whether on an ad hoc event basis or a committee role. Many hands make light work – and we now have many more hands to put together more fun activities for our kids and raise money to enrich their education at Westgate.

Our new PSA team

Co-chairs: Charlie Damant & Ros Priddle (stepping down – vacant post)

Vice chair: Aysha Day

Treasurer: Kate Brook current / Cassandra Chinkin from September

Secretary: Jenny Harvie

Lottery administrator: Vicky Garfitt

Second-hand uniform: Jo Gibson

Comms: Sarah Bradbury and Sarah Sullivan

Website: Jenny Harvie & Chris Storey



Summer Fair fun!

What a fabulous event! Despite the challenges of a last-minute date change and packed end-of-year calendars, we're sure you agree that the summer fair was a lot of fun, bringing the whole all-through school together. There was a wonderfully happy, relaxed, family atmosphere; a total delight to be a part of.

Thanks to all the pupils, staff and parent volunteers who made this happen – and a huge thanks to lead organiser Andy Sweeney. As well as giving everyone a fantastic afternoon out, the fair raised over £4,000. Amazing!

Note: the delayed raffle draw will be announced on our website soon!



Funded by the PSA

Since the last newsletter, the PSA has helped to part-fund a Macbeth play visit to Years 9 & 11, paid for the Bug Club licence renewal and also bought a play for Year 6 to perform, including performing licence, backing tracks and vocals.



The PSA has also agreed to fund the following items:

- Supply and installation of 2 x competition-spec basketball hoops for the Lower School playground
- Supply and installation of 4 x marquees for the Upper School.

Ways to support the PSA

Volunteer as our Co-Chair

Do you have ideas? Do you like to be part of a team? Can you spare a little time each month? Consider applying to be co-chair! Ros Priddle will be stepping down this year and is happy to discuss the role if you're interested. Contact Ros at r.priddle@westgate.hants.sch.uk

Coordinate our monthly cake sales

Monthly cake sales are great fun for kids and a regular contributor to our fundraising efforts. Perhaps we could have special event sales too – Easter, Valentine's Day, heatwaves, snow days, etc. Could you coordinate these? Email: comms@westgateschoolpsa.org.uk

No time to spare?

Monthly donation signup: [The Westgate School Parent Staff Association - Donate now \(cafonline.org\)](https://www.cafonline.org)

School lottery: a Westgate winner drawn each week - and you'll also get entered into the monthly draw to win up to £25,000! http://bit.ly/Westgate_lottery

Second-hand uniform

Summer uniform check and clearout? We take good quality second-hand uniform donations to sell online and at our regular tabletop sales. Donation buckets will be back outside Lower School reception in September. Buy online (to collect w/c 11th Sept) at: www.westgateschoolpsa.org.uk

2023/24 Dates for your diary

Sat 30 Sept: Second-hand uniform sale
 Sept: Colour run (details to follow)
 Sept/Oct: Lower School discos (watch this space!)
 Fri 20 Oct: Quiz night with Mr Damant
 Sat 9 Dec: Christmas Fair
 Fri 15 Mar: Quiz night with Mr Damant
 Fri 12 July: Summer Fair

Please get in touch if you're able to help make these or any other events happen:
comms@westgateschoolpsa.org.uk.

😊 Thank you for your ongoing support 😊

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