



March 2023

SoKS is the PTA for Kingsway Primary School, raising much needed funds for the school to help enhance and support every child's education and to give them a happy experience.

The SoKS Team is growing, and we'd love to see more even parents, carers, staff and friends of the school join us to help raise even more funds. Please get in touch if you are interested or would like more information.



In November 2022 we welcomed **M&M Theatrical Productions** into school. Allowing all children, from the KEY nursery all the way through to Year 6 to see the fun, colourful and

hilarious pantomime of **Snow White**. Both staff and children enjoyed this fantastic show and gave the opportunity to many children to see a panto who may not have had chance to before. The panto was paid for using funds raised by SoKS.

Santa and his elf found time in their busy schedule to stop off to visit all the children at Kingsway Primary School bringing some festive cheer - and a book provided by SoKS! What a treat to have the big man in red visit!



Some other SoKS events ...

Pizza and Pottery Night



*Valentine's Day
Cake Sale*



Books, books and more books!!

Through your support at SoKS events, we have been able to buy lots of new books. All children received a book at Christmas from Santa and we've also provided funds to enable the school to purchase books for the library and to boost the current reading scheme collection. Thank you to those who bought books from our preloved book sale on World Book Day. We hope to have more book sales in future, so please think of us when you are having a clear out of your old books and help us turn them into funds for SoKS!

A big **thank you** for all those who provided a colourful donation on the Crazy Hair Day in February.

From your donations of sweets, candles, seeds, shower gel, crayons, baked beans and lots of chocolate, we were able to create 6 wonderful hampers for the Rainbow Raffle and have raised a fantastic amount for SoKS.

Thank you for buying or selling tickets and a big congratulations to all the winners!

We hope they enjoy their assortment of prizes!



Did your child come to the Winter Disco or the Spring Disco? If they did, we hope they had fun! It's a great opportunity for children to have fun with their school friends and a good way to end the school terms. The SoKS disco team are already starting to think ahead to the Summer Disco and we will announce the date as soon as it's confirmed.



The Disco's can only take place with lots of support from parents and staff and we are so grateful to all those who have already supported us. Please do consider if you can help out at the Summer Disco, and if you can, please sign up when the request comes.

We've started to sell tickets via ParentPay in the hope that this will help out several families who might not be able to attend school at pick up on the days leading up to the disco, but also reduces the queues!!



Coming up next term ...

A cake fit for the King!

To help mark and celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III we'd love for children to design a single tier cake that they think would be "fit for the King".

Design sheets will be £1 each and will be available after Easter.

We will pick one winning entry from KS1 and one from KS2. The winning designs will then have their cake made by a local cake maker and the child will receive their cake in time to take home and serve at your own coronation party.



Wednesday 24 May

If you're having a sort out at home, please remember to bag up any good quality clothing, bags, hats, scarves, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels and bedding (no duvets).

Bring it to school on the collection day of 24 May and help raise funds for SoKS!



Save the date!
Sunday 16 July
More details to follow ...



Rainbow Dash!

SoKS
Supporters of Kingsway School

Run, walk or jog with family and friends in this colourful fun run!

Food

Bouncy castle



Music

Lots of fun

Saturday 20th May
From 2pm
Kingsway Primary School

To book scan QR code or visit
www.pta-events.co.uk/soks



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This term, we are pleased to announce that SoKS have donated a Friendship Bench to the school. This provides a special place where a child can go to signal that they need someone to talk to or play with. Another child will see them on the bench, go talk to them and include them in their games. This provides an opportunity for children to communicate, support each other and open up about feelings. This will strengthen social networks, encourage empathy, reduce social isolation and improve mental wellbeing. A huge thank you to Wickes for kindly donating the paint. Also, a great big thank you to the volunteers who helped in the preparation of the Friendship Bench.

Your SoKS Committee:

Chair: Tracy Cooper

Treasurer: Hollie Morgan

Secretary: Amy Stammers

Other members: YOU!!!

All parents, carers, family, friends and staff are members of SoKS. Please get in touch if you'd like to find out more or to get involved!

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But what are we fundraising for??

SoKS exists to raise funds to advance the education of all children attending Kingsway Primary School. This can be done in a range of ways, including activities and events, or providing facilities and equipment. The school staff team are able to apply for funding. Some of these things are very obvious around the school grounds, whereas some will go unnoticed - for example, the books in the library!

There is a wish list from the school that we hope to be able to support in the future. These include:

- A daily mile track around the school field.
- More books - because there can never be too many books for children to enjoy!
- A Calm Cabin - an outside sheltered classroom area, big enough for a whole class, but also somewhere for children to go to when they need some quiet during break times.
- A climbing frame in the Reception area.
- Additional play equipment for all children to use at lunch times.

Plus many more!