

# ST NICHOLAS PTA - MATCHED FUNDING



## Key Info:

St Nicholas Church of  
England Primary School  
Parents' and Teachers'  
Association

Registered Charity No:  
281171

Barclays Bank  
Sort Code: 20-14-33  
Account Number:  
70774790

- ◆ Parent picked up phone to HR and managed to get the Ball raffle matched to £1,000!
- ◆ Two parents helped at the Party in the Pit school fete - £500 matched.

## Case Study

*Money for nothing? Was it too good to be true??* I recently helped to organise a film night for the children, which is one of many that we run each year from the PTA. This time, the film was Disney's 'Moana!' The evening was a great success, the kids had a great time and we made £485 profit - much needed resources for the PTA. Just as we were leaving, someone said two words to me that made the event an even bigger success: "matched funding!!"

Matched funding is a scheme that many employers run, whereby they will match the amount raised for a charity. I contacted my employer, completed an online form and they paid the PTA an additional £485! Simple as that! Most employers run this scheme, and the process couldn't

be easier. Why do they do it though? Well, put simply, for everything they match in terms of donations, they get the equivalent amount off their tax bill. It costs them nothing, and they are happy to support charities in this way.

In short, my employer benefits, the PTA benefits and, above all, our children benefit! I couldn't thank my HR department enough. I called them afterwards to say thank you and the lady asked me what film we had seen that night. I told her it was Moana, to which she replied with a chuckle, "what can I say except 'You're Welcome!'"

*David Sharpe, Dad to Ava, Y1*

## What Can You Do?

***This is an area that could massively boost our PTA funds so we urge all parents to please ask their employer if they run a Match Funding scheme.***

***If you can help, or have questions, please contact the school office in the first instance: [admin@chislehurst-cofe.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:admin@chislehurst-cofe.bromley.sch.uk) or [carina@biopharmsearch.co.uk](mailto:carina@biopharmsearch.co.uk)***

Corporate and high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and

large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants.

It's not embarrassing to ask: in fact most companies that run these schemes will probably bite your hand off as it is tax efficient and makes them look good and meet their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) targets.

Most ingeniously, it won't cost you a penny!