



St Oswald's C of E Primary

PTA Newsletter

December 2015



Welcome to our first ever PTA Newsletter. We would like to tell you a little bit about who we are, what we do and what events are coming up soon.

The PTA is made up of a small group of parents, family members and staff.

We meet normally at least once a month to plan and organise fun events that could raise money for the school and sometimes charities. The money is then used to buy things for the school, such as equipment and to help fund school trips.

Meet the PTA

From the members of staff we have Mrs Smith and Mrs Scott (PTA Coordinator).

Parents include Kirsty Lambert (Mam to Lailah from Year 2) Michelle Thompson (Mam to Nathan Year 6, Abigail Year 4 and Alex Year 2), Vicky and Stephen Wong (Parents to Isla Year 2), Kelly Swift (Mam to Cory Year 2), Victoria Bell (Mam to Aneirin Year 4, Corrine Year 3 and Merryn in Reception), Dee Bridges (Mam to Annalise Year 6 and Scarlett Year 3), Nicola McStravick (Mam to Emily Year 5), Melanie Butler (Mam to Lucas Year 4 and Olivia Year 3), Cheryle McDonald (Mam to Daniel Year 2), Alison Dulson (Mam to Josh Class 2) and Linda Ferries, our Treasurer.



The money raised by the PTA helped buy one of the playhouses in Reception.

Past Events

Our most recent event was the Christmas Fayre. Thanks to our very generous families we managed to raise a whopping £934.76. We had lots of fun organising and taking part in the fayre and it's great to see that you all enjoyed yourselves. Thank you for making it such a huge success. Mrs Smith hopes to use the money raised to help develop the outdoor area in the springtime.

Christmas Fayre Winners

Jaysie Flood won 'Name the Teddy'.

Mr Anderson, Alfie Hope's Great Grandma and The McPhees all won hampers.

Charlotte from Year 4 won 'Where in the World is Santa'



The children had fun making Christmas crafts and playing games in the Mary Thomas Room.

As well as the Christmas Fayre, this term we organised 'The Bright Lights Disco', coffee afternoons for Macmillan Cancer Support and Children in Need, Non Uniform Day and a coffee morning for Reception class parents on the first day of school. It has been a very busy term for us all!

Future Events

'Nativity' Film Night.

On Tuesday 15th December we will be running a 'Nativity' film night in the school hall from 3.30pm until 5.30pm.

Tickets are £2.50 and will include your entrance to the film, a hot dog, popcorn, a candy cane and a drink.

Money and consent forms must be returned to school by Friday 11th December.

National Pie Day

Saturday 23rd January is 'National Pie Day'. We are hoping to plan something fun in school on Friday 22nd. Would any of you like to see a teacher in the stocks, getting a pie in the face? Or do you have any other ideas? Please let Mrs Smith or any of the PTA know.

Friday Tuck Shop

From mid January there will be a 'Tuck Shop' every Friday afternoon in the school yard. Watch out for more details in the New Year.

Bonus Ball



From January parents can join the weekly 'Bonus Ball'. Numbers can be bought from Mrs Smith and Mrs Scott in the yard for £1 each. If you are unable to get into school to see them you can send the money in and you will be allocated a number. Money must be put into an envelope and clearly marked on the front the amount enclosed and your name/ child's name and class.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday 12th January at 9am in the Staff Room. We are always looking for new members, so if you have any free time that you would like to spend helping us organise and run fundraising events please pop along.

Alternatively if you cannot attend the meeting but would like to help or have any ideas you would like to share please do not hesitate to contact any of us. We have a Facebook page or you can send an email to Mrs Scott and Mrs Smith.

Our Facebook page can be found at www.facebook.com/stoswaldshebburn.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at the PTA!!