

Welcome to our PTA

Summer 2015 Newsletter!

Hello Summer!

Welcome back to our Summer Term! It looks like it's going to be another busy one! Thank you to everyone who supported last term's fundraising efforts, especially the Mother's Day initiative and the Easter Bonnet Parade - it looks like a lot of hard work went into some truly wonderful creations. Well done Parents!! And well done to all those who helped raise money for all the other good causes during last term. The British

Heart Foundation, Jack's Room, Cafod, Good Shepherd Appeal and Myton Hospice have all benefited from your generosity as well as the PTA and the School Fund. We really appreciate it, thank you.

Cinema Night

Our next cinema night will take place on **Friday 26th June**. Consent forms will go out after half term. The children will be watching Big Hero 6 (rated PG)

Ice Lollies!

We have recently purchased a new freezer so that we can sell ice-lollies after school on Fridays and subject to the availability of PTA members, on other sunny days. We will try to give you notice of the days when we will be doing this via our twitter feed and Facebook page. Lollies will be priced at 50p and will be on sale from the gazebo.



Sponsored Bounce

This annual event will take place on **Friday 12th June** during the school day. Each child will have the chance to bounce for 5 minutes & try to raise as much money as possible for school PTA funds. The children really enjoy this activity: it is usually a noisy but enjoyable day in school and is one of our main fundraising events of the year. We hope that all children will be able to take part & raise lots of money for some new equipment. *Children will not be allowed to bounce if they do not have written consent.*



Don't forget to follow us on twitter; @PTA_AllSouls

1 And like us on Facebook; All Souls PTA Page

The PTA Group on Facebook is only for parents of children in All Souls' School. If you are not known to the group administrators, it may take a little time for us to confirm that you are a parent. Please bear with us!

Future plans

Together with your help we are now in the process of purchasing new audio and video recording equipment and school have started the refurbishment of the library. We are also hoping to raise money so that we can invest in a new Reading Scheme and dictionaries, as well as new carpeting and air-conditioning. Why not join us at one of our meetings? We would particularly like to see parents of children in Y5 as this year is currently not represented by the existing PTA members. The very nature of the group is that it evolves as parents come and go as their children move up to secondary school. We will be losing a couple of very dedicated and committed Y6 parents this summer and it will be a great loss to the group. Maybe you could help us fill the void?

Next Meeting Wednesday 24th June at 6.30pm in the Holyhead Pub!



Textile Recycling Bin

Use our Textile Recycling Bin - the big blue one in the corner of the car park!

<u>http://www.uktextilerecycling.co.uk/</u> School receives commission per tonne for all the clothes, shoes and bedding etc. donated. Depending on their condition the textiles are either reused or recycled, so even the most worn and torn items can be of use! And it helps you get rid of clutter!

Since we started this we have raised nearly **£800** for the School Fund, just from old clothes, shoes and fabrics. So why not have a spring clean and bring any unwanted items in for recycling!

What would you do?

If events like Race Night don't interest you – please let us know what would! We really need your help & your interest to make our events successful!

Easy Fundraising

Please, please, please sign up to this!

So far we have raised nearly £40, but there are only 5 of us doing it! Just think what we could achieve if a few more people signed up! Full details are on the school website, but it only takes a couple of minutes to set up and if you activate the donation reminder, you just need one click before you start shopping! It's as easy as that! It works on online grocery shopping & holidays too and doesn't cost you a penny more!

<u>http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/</u> All Souls Catholic Primary School.



Race Night

It was with great disappointment that we had to cancel our Race Night. A lot of hard work had gone into the organising, promoting and coordinating of the event and we thank those PTA members involved for that. Unfortunately we did not have the level of interest we had hoped for and lack of ticket sales at such a late stage meant that we could not go ahead despite assurances that a number of people were planning to attend. We would like to thank those who had supported the event and apologise for any inconvenience caused. Finally, thanks again to our would be sponsors Premier Boarding Kennels, Technical Labs, Utility Team, Wilkinson Read, Pure Financial Solutions and Pure Properties.

Other Ways to Help

- Use Scholastic website when buying books <u>http://www.scholastic.co.uk/</u> 'Spend £10 or more with us and we'll give 20% of your order value back to your school in Scholastic Rewards to spend on books and resources.'
- Any old toys, books, dvds in good condition? Let school have a sort through before giving them to the charity shop!
- Do you have any out grown uniform in good condition? This can be donated back to school for other children to use.
- Recycle your old batteries. A box is in the main reception area.
- Do you or anyone you know have a business which would be prepared to donate raffle or auction prizes in exchange for a mention in our newsletter? Do you have a hidden or not so hidden talent we could benefit from? Can you make things? Bake things? Create things? Do you have any ideas you'd like to share?

Thank you for taking time to read this newsletter and we look forward to hearing from you!