

PTFA EVENTS

Please find below information about our fund raising activities. We welcome you and your children to the School! Perhaps now you will consider joining us either at a meeting or volunteer to do an hour or two on a stall at an event. Our fundraising all goes directly back to the school and benefits the pupils, we could not do it each year without the support of the parents! The equipment in all playgrounds, gym, library books (KS2), vegetable gardens, swimming pool improvements, willow structure, cycle track and much more have all come from fund raising by the PTFA. We hope you will help us continue to improve the school for all our children.

General information

Donations

The tombola stands at the two biggest events are only possible through donations from parents. On three Fridays before an event; parents are asked to donate toys, cakes, chocolate, a bottle or toiletries (your year will be advised which), and as a thank you the children are allowed to wear home clothes (Mufti days). We welcome any donations for auction prizes or advertising your businesses in our programmes. Please feel free to ask in main reception if you can help.

Matched funding

As the PTFA is a registered charity, some parents are able to raise money for the school through their employer's matched funding scheme, which enables parents to double the amount they have raised helping on a stall. Please see if your employer runs a matched funding scheme and help us raise more for the school. Let us know if this is a possibility.

Local Shops

Woodcote nursery and local supermarkets run voucher schemes periodically which we collect (in- date ones only though!) as well as book tokens on cereal packets - collection boxes are in the main reception. We also recycle ink cartridges and used stamps.

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Pantomime - Tickets on sale in July! for September deadline.(they sell out quickly)

Great school event. *(oh yes it is!)* Everyone is seated in a large school group - 250 last year, so the atmosphere is great - you are welcome to invite friends and family at the reduced ticket price.

Car boot sale- September Sunday 20th

Pitches are open to school parents at a discount if bought in advance £8. Well attended by sellers and buyers. £10 on the day.

Book Fair

Chance to get discounted books and raise money for the school (held in KS2 hall).

Bags2school - twice a year October and May

This is where you can hand in your unwanted clothing, bags, belts and shoes. You need to take the blue bag or any bag to the canteen up to Wednesday of the week of collection. Our next collection is in May. Bags are gathered and taken by a charity which then gives £4.00 per bag to the school - it raises £300 and is done twice a year.

Disco - - Reception and KS1 starts at 5.30pm

School discos happen three times a year, one Friday each term.

The disco is open to all of the schools pupils; you may bring preschool siblings but they are your responsibility and you cannot leave them at the disco unattended. (No prams though due to health and safety regulations.) There are lots of things for the children to buy so please be aware that some pocket money may be needed. Face painting, sweets, glow toys, hot dogs, are just a few items available. Free squash is provided. It is advisable to get tickets in advance to avoid queuing. The easiest way is to return the booking form and payment to your class teacher and the tickets will be put in your child's bookbag. Alternatively, you can buy them at the new umbrella stand tables, near the year 2 entrance. Tickets are sold on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the week of the disco from 3pm- 3.30pm. We are also trying a parent pay scheme too.

Fireworks Night- first week in November

Extremely popular event for the school. A professional company puts on a great firework display. Year6 lead a torch procession to the bonfire. We always need volunteers to be stewards for this event. Bring headphones for younger members.

Christmas Fair - First Sunday in December 1-4pm

A great event in KS1 and 2 full of tombola stalls, an auction, bouncy castle, Santa's Grotto found in the Lavender building, face painting, children's Christmas crafts, a lovely café selling Irish coffees and mulled wine situated in the canteen where you are waited on by year 6, another in the KS1 building and a BBQ in between! The children love to go to the Christmas Fair. We produce a programme for this event which advertises local businesses and thanks any gift donations from businesses. If you would like to advertise or could donate a prize please let us know!

Quiz night March

A popular adult -only event. Tables of between 4 - 8 people. You are welcome to bring your own food/nibbles and drink. Our headmaster Mr Rosewell works hard to create some challenging questions. It is always a good evening and the winning table win a bottle of wine each.

Summer fair- usually first weekend in July 1- 4pm Sunday July

The largest event we have, it is well attended by the whole school. Every class in Reception and KS1 perform a musical dance or some activity as a class in the arena. There are lots of tombola stands, bouncy castles, games: beat the goalie, hook a duck, heads and tails etc. There is a BBQ, Pimms tent, cream teas and another refreshment stand that sells cakes and ice creams. The fair ends about 4pm with a popular auction. Again, if you would like to advertise in the programme or could donate a prize please let us know!

We hope you will enjoy the events we run for the children and support them. Please feel free to come along to a meeting and help in some way. Meetings take place in the Ks1 staff room, one a month in an informal friendly setting, come along and have a beverage and biscuits with us.

Thank you. The PTFA