

PTA Newsletter – Feb 2017

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

We hope you will find it helpful to have some information about forthcoming events.

Firstly, we would like to share the good news that the Christmas Bazaar raised a whopping £981.61. A massive thank you to all who came along, spent money, donated or gave their time and generally made it such a lovely festive occasion. We also raised £356.70 from the DVD sales, raffle and refreshments at the Nativity play.

What we have funded this term...

You may have seen the mobile classroom used by the Life Education Centre in the playground. It pays a visit every year and provides a fun and interactive experience using puppets and models which the children really relate to. Each class attended a session suited to their age and the cost of this was part funded by the PTA.

Coming up next term...

School Disco – Friday 24th Feb

We are delighted to welcome back Gareth, our new DJ, who has kindly agreed to give up his time to provide our school disco. Tickets are £1, including a drink and will be on sale in the school office w/c Monday 20th Feb. The PTA will be selling soft drinks, crisps and cakes on the night along with a selection of glow stick items. We should mention that we have had the occasional 'leaky' glow stick so please be aware if this is a concern for you.

We are always grateful for donations of cakes to sell as we don't always have enough and it's really disappointing for the children if we run out. If you are able to provide a cake please bring it with you on the night. No fresh cream please as we are unable to refrigerate it and anything containing nuts must be clearly labelled.

We always need helpers on the night to set up, patrol the area, serve in the kitchen and tidy up afterwards. If you would like to offer help please see our contact details at the end of this newsletter. If you can, please bring small change with you as we often run out. Further details about the times, tickets and access arrangements will be sent out in the weekly letter from the school.

Jumble Sale – Saturday 11th March 3pm

Why not take the opportunity to have a sort out at home?

We can sell ladies, men's and children's clothing and shoes, handbags and ladies accessories, bric-a-brac, small household items, crockery, curtains and duvet covers, toys, complete games and puzzles, books and DVD's. You can leave bags

or boxes of jumble in the 'sheep pen' area outside of the school office where they will be collected and stored in a dry area ready for the sale.

Please do not bring electrical items or VHS tapes as we are unable to dispose of them if they aren't sold. After the sale the unsold clothes and shoes are bagged up and collected by a company who pay us for each kilo they take away. The books, household items and bric-a-brac are donated to local charities, so nothing is wasted!

Sometimes we are fortunate enough to be given items that are brand new, collectable, or just too valuable to be sold for 30p. Rest assured that these are sold separately so that the most profit can be returned to the PTA school funds.

Here are some ways you can help;

- Give us your jumble! Why not ask your family, friends and neighbours if they have any unwanted items they can donate?
- Sorting the jumble and setting up the tables after lunch on Friday 10th March. If you can spare the time just turn up at 1:30pm
- On Saturday 11th between 2pm and 5pm to finish setting up, sell the items, serve in the kitchen and clear away afterwards
- Donate a cake, or garden plants, homemade jams and chutneys

The PTA will be selling hot and cold drinks and cakes from the school kitchen. If you can, please bring small change with you as we often run out.

Bingo Night – Friday March 24th 7pm Entry, Eyes down' @7:30 prompt

Tickets cost £10 and include a set of 6 bingo 'books' needed to play each game, a raffle ticket, nibbles and a drink token to exchange for a soft or alcoholic drink. There will be a selection of drinks on sale during the interval along with extra raffle tickets, but there's no obligation to spend any more than the £10 entry fee. It turned out to be a popular event last year, so buy your ticket early to avoid disappointment!

Next PTA meeting date – Weds 1st March, 7pm in the staff room

Watch this space...If you shop at Waitrose please start saving your green tokens, we hope to have a charity collection bin at the Salisbury branch soon.

If you would like to support the work of the PTA in any way please contact Sam Vigor, Sarah Alford, Tamara Antone, or just ask in the school office. There is no obligation to come to any meetings or help regularly, just a few hours as and when you are able would be very much appreciated.



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