

# PTA Newsletter – Spring 2017

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

We would like to let you know about our forthcoming events and what has been happening so far this term.

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who helped in making our recent events such a success! We raised £212 from the disco, £375 from the jumble sale, £100 from bags for schools and £435.60 from the bingo night. Wow!!

## ***Fundraising news...***

The major project for this year is to raise funds to renovate the wild garden area outside of Owl and Woodpecker classrooms. It is a large space that is currently overgrown with weeds and isn't really used for anything.

Mrs Bridson has a plan to build a boardwalk so that the children can access the area safely. The plans also include building an open air classroom on the site next to the bike sheds. The school has been fortunate in obtaining a grant from the MoD which will be used to pay for a large part the project, with the PTA supplying the rest.

## ***Coming up next term...***

### **Bottle Week – w/c 5<sup>th</sup> June**

The bottle tombola is always very popular attraction at the June Fayre and 'bottle week' is the time for bringing your donated bottles into school. There are points awarded for different types of bottles and Mrs Bridson awards a prize for the class who collect the most points.

There will be more information about this in the school newsletter nearer the time.

### **June Fayre – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 6pm**

The June Fayre is fast approaching and this year's theme is 'Pirates, explorers and castaways'.

It is the highlight of our summer calendar and a very popular event. In case you haven't been before the event takes place in the school field, starting in the early evening. We will, of course, have our usual selection of adult, boys and girls tombola stalls, teddy tombola, cake stall, lucky dip, bottle tombola, bouncy castle and various games. There will be a BBQ selling burgers, jacket potatoes and hot dogs as well as our bar selling various alcoholic and soft drinks.

Grown ups – feel free to arrive in fancy dress in keeping with the theme if you wish!

In the weeks leading up to the June fayre we will be asking for donations for our adult, children's and teddy tombola stalls.

If you fancy helping out, either with the organizing, setting up or on the night helping with a stall then please let us know. We always welcome new volunteers and the more we have the more we are able to free people up on the night to enjoy the event and spend some time with their children.

Here are some ways you can help;

- \* Bring a bottle during bottle week
- \* Donate a tombola prize, e.g. prizes for adult, boys and girls tombola stalls, e.g. toys, pens, books, new and packaged toiletries, stationery sets, trinkets, ornaments, notepads, etc.
- \* Give a teddy a new home. We accept any kind of soft toys for the teddy tombola but in clean, undamaged condition please.
- \* Bottles of wine or spirits
- \* Cakes, buns, biscuits and sweet treats – homemade or bought is fine
- \* Unused small toys and novelties for lucky dip prizes, e.g. small stationery items, rubbers, sticker packs, bouncy balls, plastic jewellery.

### ***PTA News***

We would like to introduce Kerry Fraser from Owl class, who has taken ownership of the pre-loved, second hand school uniform. She's your go to for any items you wish to buy, or if you want to donate your outgrown items. Her photo will soon be on the PTA notice board so you can all see who she is.

So far this has already raised £32. Brilliant work Kerry, thank you.

### ***Vacancies on the PTA committee***

Sadly for us, we will be losing two wonderful and valued members of our committee. Sarah Alford our secretary, and Tamara Antone our treasurer, have both officially resigned from their roles and will step down in the summer term. This has been done now to allow the new secretary and treasurer a full year of support and shadowing before they both leave the school. If you would like to put your name forward or find out more information please speak to Sam Vigor.

### ***Next PTA meeting date – Weds 7<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm in the staff room***

**Class representatives needed...** The PTA is only as successful as its parents so communication is the key. We are looking for 1 or 2 parents from each class who will become the face that all parents can go to for information. If this is something you would like to be part of then please speak to Sam Vigor for more info. We would ask that those who put themselves forward as representatives are able to make it to the meetings so they can voice ideas, and thoughts of the parents.

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.



To join our Facebook page and see all our latest news and information, send a friend request via Facebook to: *Stratford-sub-Castle Primary School PTA Page*