



## *PTA Newsletter, Autumn Term 2016*

Welcome to our inaugural PTA newsletter – responding to demand, this is a termly edition to keep you up to speed with **what's going on within the PTA**, how your **donations are helping**, and, where **funds are being invested back into the school** and our children's education.

**Our next PTA meeting will take place in January 2017, please come along to find out how you can be involved and have your voice heard!** (Confirmed date to follow next term).

### *PTA Funds Update*

Last year, the PTA raised an astounding **£14,000** for the school and is on track to only better that total this year! Huge thanks to you all for your hard work and contributions which enabled us to fund several improvements for the school, including, artificial grass in the playground, a new long jump pit, a school projector and improved lighting in the hall (both of massive benefit to all our school performances and assemblies), and, event gazebos. We were also able to provide a budget for each teacher for the benefit of their individual classroom.

This year, money raised has already funded the fantastic "Wind in the Willows" theatre company visit which the children were thrilled with. Plans are in progress to install table tennis and football tables in the playground, socket the netball posts to improve their usability and safety, replace the tired curtains in the hall, and reinstate the children's Salmon Prayer Garden.

The PTA works closely with Mr. Mooney and the senior team to coordinate how the funds are used and ensure our hard-raised cash goes as far as possible to benefit our children in their school environment.

### *Event Round Up*

- **Infant and Junior Discos** - Our popular discos took place in October and, once again, it was delightful to see the children enjoying themselves with some serious dance moves on display! Thanks to the hard work of the parent volunteers, this event managed to raise **£470** which was more than last year. Well done everyone, great job!
- **Quiz Night** -The infamous Quiz night took place on November 13th, superbly organised by Jenny MacDonald and a team of Year 6 parents. It was a fun and memorable night and the competition was truly heated. A staggering **£1050** was raised! **Although this is not PTA run, we thought important to promote to parents as this particular event is a**



**fundraiser to subsidise the Y6 journey to France in the summer.** It's only getting bigger and better make sure you keep your diaries free to book a table next year – come and support our Y6 parents, you won't be disappointed!



- **PTA Lock Up and Music Room**

On a chilly Saturday in October, a number of parents kindly gave up their time to clear out PTA lock up cupboard - filling two skips! We now have our very own storage facility which will help immensely with future events. In addition, parents helped to transform our school Music Room – it's now a brighter and cleaner space providing a great environment for our children to learn and play instruments! Huge thanks to all those who volunteered their time on the day.



- **Christmas Fayre** - Many hands made light work with a fabulous effort for our annual Christmas Fayre! It was a fantastic day with record attendance and some superb stalls, raffles and games. This year we raised a grand total of **£4,800**– a huge achievement for the PTA and all those who took part!





## *Dates for your Diary - 2017*

- 9th Feb - School Disco
- 19th March - Easter Fayre
- May (1<sup>st</sup> week) - Netball Gala

## *Help Us, Help Our Children!*

We are always looking for opportunities to maximise funding and there are ways you can contribute to the PTA throughout the year. One easy method is **The Giving Machine** ([www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk)) in which donations are made by companies when you purchase products online. Most retailers are featured on the Giving Machine, so it is well worth registering for as it doesn't cost you anything and brings in additional funds for the school. Last year, around £1,000 raised was from donations such as this!

We welcome your feedback, please contact any one on the PTA Committee with your thoughts and suggestions at [pta.margaretroper@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pta.margaretroper@yahoo.co.uk)

## *Merry Christmas Everyone!*



*Best wishes,*

**PTA Committee**