



PTA Newsletter

Dear Members,

We have an exciting programme of events lined up this year, not least to mention the Christmas Fair; which we have already started to plan. Circle the date in your diary – **Saturday 28th November 11.30-2.30pm**. This year we want to make it extra special for the children, and discussed some super ideas at the last PTA meeting! We have a wonderful committee team to help make it happen, Elaine Hull (Vice Chair), Denise O'Doherty (co-opted committee member) and Kimberley Walker (Treasurer), as well as the most fabulous class reps. We look forward to making this year one to remember, and we hope one to cherish!

Thanks,

Sarah Woods
PTA Chair

Christmas Fair Jar Appeal



Please start collecting/saving your empty jam jars, coffee jars, pickle jars any jars quite frankly – for the PTA. For those new to the school we have a jam jar stall at the Christmas Fair, these are filled with sweets, stickers, hair bobbles etc and then decorated externally and won on the Jam Jar Tombola stall. Always so popular with the children and we always run out – so please get start saving them for us now...

PTA Wish List



We will be placing an ideas box at the school office for the next 2 weeks as we would like to consult with all our members on where PTA funds should be spent this year; so that everybody is given the opportunity to have a voice/input. Simply write your name, child's name/class, along with your suggestion on the paper provided and pop it in the ideas box. We will be consulting the children via the school council but get your kids thinking about it too. We want to be a PTA that will **INSPIRE** them.

Christmas Shopping Event



This year we will be holding a Christmas Shopping Event on **Thursday 19th November**, before the Christmas Fair. We want to give entrepreneurs and business people within our own Ashdene community, the opportunity to promote their business and talents. This event will be run, not for PTA profit as such, but to support our members and as a social gathering. If you would like a pitch, (free of charge) please email ashdenepta@gmail.com. All profits

will go to stall holders, although we may run a bar...we will be closing in on Christmas after all!



PTA Whole School Social – Grown Ups Only!

We want the PTA to be more social and fun this year. So reps have been asked to get the termly night out booked in, and the PTA’s unofficial Social Secretary – the delightful Sarah Capel – has been looking into a disco for all year groups to attend and mingle! So watch this space...it may well be for next year now that the Christmas party season will soon be underway. But class nights out should be happening soon!

Online Payment System/ PTA Communication



The PTA are looking into automating and streamlining our finances – as we presently operate with just a cheque book! Part of this will be to look at solutions where members can pay for events and products online, and reduce the amount of cash floating around. We have done some research into a PTA school app. This may well naturally lead to our own PTA comms also – we are currently dependent on the school office to do this for us. If you would be interested in getting involved and up-skilling, or know somebody that could help please contact ashdenepta@gmail.com.



Christmas Cards/Ashdene PTA Christmas Puddings

Information will soon be going out re the Christmas cards. For those new to the school this is a chance for your children to illustrate and design their own cards. We will also have Ashdene PTA Christmas sponges and puddings on sale. They have a long shelf life and would make a lovely stocking filler for friends and family!

Christmas Fair Stall Allocation

| Year | Stall |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Reception | Santa’s Grotto |
| Year 1D | Bottle Tombola |
| Year 1MH | Jam Jars |
| Year 2 & 4 | Bake Stall |
| | Festive Bar |
| | Hot & Cold Refreshments |
| | Tuck & Tat |
| Year 3 | Christmas Craft |
| Year 5 | Festive Games Room |
| Year 6 | Chocolate/Sweet Tomobola |
| | Smellies |

Class Reps 2015/16

Reception

Louise Hayes, Karen McKay, Emma Moss, Anne Anderson, Sonia Oakes

Year 1

Sarah Capel, Rowan Murray, Jo Ellis, Sabita Chumber, Emma Syed

Year 2

Kate Robinson, Angela Offer

Year 3

Andrea Riley, Kat Dewell, Suzanne Jones, Tiz Ager

Year 4

Chloe Edwards, Esther Scott

Year 5

Joyce Smith, Paula Evans-Jones

Year 6

Jo Espley, Alison Hodge

PTA Diary Dates for 2015/16

| DATE | EVENT |
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| Thursday 17 th Sept | PTA AGM |
| Friday 2 nd Oct | PTA Meeting 9am |
| Thursday 15 th Oct | KS1 Party 3:30pm -5:00pm KS2 Disco 6:30pm – 8:00pm |
| Friday 13 th Nov | Non Uniform Day in exchange for Chocolate Donations |
| Thursday 19 th Nov | PTA Christmas Shopping Event |
| Friday 27 th Nov | Non Uniform Day in exchange for Bottle Donations |
| Saturday 28 th Nov | PTA Christmas Fair |
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| Tuesday 26 th Jan | PTA Meeting 9am |
| Dates TBC (last week of January) | PTA Panto TBC |
| Thursday 25 th Feb | PTA Meeting 9:00am |
| Thursday 17 th March | KS1 Party 3:30pm -5:00pm KS2 Disco 6:30pm – 8:00pm |
| Friday 18 th March | PTA Barn Dance |
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| Thursday 28 th April | PTA Meeting 7pm |
| Friday 20 th May | PTA Quiz |
| Thursday 9 th June | PTA Meeting 7pm |
| Friday 1 st July | PTA Summer BBQ – AshFest |



**Our Members are the heart of the PTA! Thank you
for your on going support...**