

PTA Newsletter October 2019

Thank you for your support at this year's AGM. We reported on the achievements of the last year, elected our committee members and discussed our initial plans for the new school year. Here is a summary of the meeting.

Thanks

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank the many people who helped in ensuring that the PTA is as successful as it is.

- The members of the committee - Corinne Worth, Cathy Holloway and Matt Redstone
- The other members who regularly came to meetings especially, Carol Watts, Maddy Pengelly, Simon McLellan, Simon Flowers-Jones, Gary Clifton, Rachel Andrews, Gemma Stanley, Tracy Walters, Pam Jones, Lisa Hall & Amy Farrington
- The members who couldn't make it to meetings but helped in many other ways, Vickie Harrison, Yvette Waygood, Tara Cross, Natasha Bates, Caz Redstone, Natalie Woodgate, Jo Marley, Madison Bouchta and Gemma Bladwell
- To all the teachers and school staff, especially Ruth Weston, Mark Carter & Pam Jones
- A special thanks to Annie Matthews and Zahra Atri for being so amazing in the school office!
- Everyone else who has either helped at an event, come along to an event, baked a cake or donated a raffle prize. Thank you to everyone!

Achievements

Over the last year we raised a whopping **£8755**.

This was raised at the following events:

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| Christmas Fair: | £1727 |
| Summer Fair: | £1922 |
| Discos: | £1596 |
| Bingo Nights: | £872 |
| Cake Sales: | £541 |
| Mother's Day Shop | £136 |
| Father's Day Shop | £186 |
| Christmas Evening | £138 |
| Sports Day | £375 |
| Smarties Challenge | £378 |
| Quiz Nights | £199 |
| Christmas Cards | £362 |
| Silver Band | £211 |
| Carnival toys | £80 |

The PTA has spent the following:

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| Residential trips for year 5 & 6: | £1000 |
| School day trips: | £550 |
| Christmas parties: | £154 |
| Pantomime coach: | £1000 |
| Pantomime visit in school | £250 |
| Year 6 Leaver's party | £165 |
| Year 6 at St. Johns assembly | £144 |
| Exmoor Zoo visit | £252 |
| Forest School shed | £110 |
| Tranquility garden | £398 |
| Strawberry Evening | £130 |
| Playground equipment | £7000 |

New committee

The committee members for the next year elected at the AGM are:

Chair: Hannah Bouchta
Vice chairs: Corinne Worth, Lisa Hall
Treasurer: Matt Redstone
Secretary: Gemma Stanley

For those of you who don't know me, I am the Chair. I have a daughter at Court Fields, a son in year 6 and another daughter in year 4. As well as running a taxi service for my children I also own my own mortgage business. In between all of that, I try, with a great deal of help from many others, to run the PTA. Everyone is welcome to come along to the meetings, which we normally have monthly. I then send out a newsletter to everyone, so you know what has been discussed and what events are happening. I also use the PTA Facebook page for updates and pleas for help. The more help we get the more events we can put on.

Carnival toys

Thanks to everyone who helped sell the toys and to those who bought them. Once the carnival committee send us a donation I will let you know how much we raised.

Quiz

Thanks to everyone who came along to this event. It was a really fun evening. Thanks to those who donated a raffle prize and to Corinne Worth, Lisa Hall and Pam Jones for helping on the night. A massive thanks to our quiz master, Gary Clifton for organising the event. He did an amazing job.

Christmas Cards

Thanks to everyone who ordered cards. There were some amazing designs. Thanks to Corinne Worth who spent a morning with me going through all the orders before we could send them off. We will receive them back at the beginning of December.

Disco Night

This was a really successful night as always. Thank you so much to everyone who helped. It was such a team effort including, Darcey, Blake, Corinne, Lisa, Sarah, Jo, Christina, Natasha, Gemma, Jenny, Gemma, Hayley, Kim, Michaela, Tara, Lou, Gary, Ruth, Mark, Fiona, Hannah, Lydia, Emmie, Nadine, Lauren, Abi, Pam and the Face Painting team of Tracy, Caz, Claire, Madison & Indy. There were lots of happy children which was lovely to see.

Loose Change Challenge!!! 4 November - 2 December

After half term, each class will be given an empty plastic bottle. The children can bring in loose change to fill up the bottles. The class that raises the most will have a treat from that money. The coins from the other classes will go to the PTA. This will run until 2 December so start collecting your small change. It will definitely get competitive!

Christmas Shopping Evening - Thursday 28 November 7pm - 9pm

This will be a great evening where you can start your Christmas shopping (or finish it, for super organised people!) If you would like a stall, then let me know. They will be £10 each plus a raffle prize. We will be serving tea, coffee and cake. Please let me know if you can help or bake a cake. There will also be a free glass of mulled wine.

Sponsor of our raffle needed!!

We are looking for a sponsor for our Christmas raffle and the top prize of £100. The business will be mentioned many times on this page and will also be in many PTA letters that go out to all the parents. Please let me know if you are interested.

Our last five top raffle prizes have been donated by the following local businesses.

Courtney Bowden & Son Roofing. They are a family owned Wellington based roofing business. Please contact Kev Bowden on 07725238554 or kevinjbowden@hotmail.com for more details.

The Kitchen Company are a local company established in 1995, and are based at Wellington, 01823 666183 and Taunton, 01823 334490. www.thekitchencompany.co.uk

T&S Motors of Wellington are located behind the Texaco Piccadilly Service Station on the A38 Telephone: 01823 667667 hello@tsmotors.co.uk www.tsmotors.co.uk

Shuteleigh Finance Ltd - this is my business. I arrange mortgages and insurances for residential, Buy to Let and commercial clients. My business number is 01823 665599 and email is mortgages@shuteleighfinance.co.uk

H T Perry & Son & Granddaughter is a family run hardware shop in Wellington. 01823 662085

Christmas Fair - Saturday 7 December 12pm - 2pm

There will be many stalls and games including Pam's Pancakes, turkey rolls, hot dogs, mulled wine, refreshments, cakes, face painting, a raffle, a bouncy castle and much more. Please let me know if you can help on a stall, even just for an hour or to clear up at the end. The number of stalls we have will depend on how many volunteers we have to run them.

Non-uniform day - Friday 6 December

In return, we would like to ask the Reception children to donate cakes for the cake stall, Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 to donate chocolate or sweets for our very popular sweet tombola and Years 5 & 6 to donate bottles and cans for another tombola. We would also like donations of good quality toys and books. We will also be sending out paper bags for the children to decorate and then fill with some treats. We would also like any good quality toys and books for our stall.

As always, if you have any suggestions or queries, then please contact me.

Hannah Bouchta

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