



# PTFA NEWS

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## Night at the movies!

Our popular annual **Quiz & Disco Night** for parents and friends returns on **Friday 13 October** with a fun movie theme.

Tickets will go on sale very soon - so grab some friends, raid your wardrobes and come along for some fun!

Doors to the school hall will open at 7.30pm and the quiz will begin at 8pm.



## WELCOME BACK

Hello and welcome to the new school year! I hope you are all feeling refreshed after the summer break.



We are all set for some serious fundraising after our amazing, record-breaking total from last year (*see page 2*) - kicking off next month with a Cake Sale for the children and Quiz Night & Disco for the adults. It takes a lot of support to make our events a success, so we are asking all parents to volunteer to help for just an hour at either the Christmas or Summer Fair please!

We are also keen to welcome new members to our committee, so come along to the **PTFA AGM at 7pm on Tuesday 26 September**, enjoy a glass of wine and find out what we can do and how you can help. Look out for events information on Facebook, email and in the playground. Have a great term!

**Joanna Michaelides**  
PTFA Chair  
[stpetersptfa@live.com](mailto:stpetersptfa@live.com) (*click here*)





## DIARY DATES

26 Sept @ 7pm in the hall. PTFA AGM. All welcome!

6 Oct @ 3.15pm. Cake sale in the school hall.

13 Oct @ 7.30pm. Movie-themed Quiz & Disco in the school hall.

3 Nov @ 6.30pm. Fireworks Night on the school field.

15 Nov Christmas shopping event at the Packhouse, Runfold.

1 Dec Mufti day (bring a bottle!).

2 Dec @ 2-4.30pm. Christmas Fair in the hall.

12 Dec @ 4.30pm KS1 & 5.45pm KS2 school discos in the hall.

15 Dec Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children.

## RECORD-BREAKING YEAR!

We're proud to report that you helped us raise a **record-breaking £20,445** during the last school year.



As the average PTFA will raise £9,000 per year, we're surely in the premier league of PTFAs?!

Our largest fundraisers were the Summer Fair (£5,279.23) and Christmas Fair (£4,383.94), followed by our Fireworks Spectacular (£2,726.44) and Barn Dance (£1,662.77).

Last year's funds paid for a new sail shade in the playground, a polytunnel and equipment in the garden, as well as special educational needs books. We are now working hard to raise money for a new trim trail.

PTFA fundraising events would not run without our great team of parent (and teacher) volunteers – so a huge thank you to all who helped during the last year.

**Holly Pressly**  
**PTFA Treasurer**



## Christmas shopping at the Packhouse

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping at this lovely preview evening, taking place at the **Packhouse** in Runfold on **Wednesday 15 November**.

The beautiful interiors and lifestyle store will open exclusively for St Peter's and Rowledge schools, giving ticket holders the chance to browse lovely modern and vintage gifts.

Ticket holders will also receive a glass of fizz and entry into a raffle to win some Packhouse vouchers.

Why not have a bite to eat or a glass of wine at Bears restaurant next door to round off the evening.

Look out for tickets which will go on sale next month!



## GO ON – TREAT YOURSELF!

Our tasty termly  
Cake Sale will  
take place on  
**Friday 6 October**  
at 3.15pm in the  
school hall.



Please bring  
your homemade  
or shop bought  
cakes, biscuits or sweet treats to the office at drop-  
off on the morning or at pick-up. All shapes and  
sizes welcome – but please ensure **NO NUTS**.

**Offers of help on the day are always welcome,  
please email Jo at [stpetersptfa@live.com](mailto:stpetersptfa@live.com)**

## WHIZZ BANG – FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

Our fantastic annual Fireworks Night will take place  
on **Friday 3 November** at the school.

Hot dogs, burgers, mulled wine and ale – and not  
forgetting our fun glow bar – will make this event  
truly spectacular after the gates open at 6.30pm.

Tickets will go on sale in the playground during the  
week before the event.





## CHRISTMAS COMES TO LITTLE GREEN LANE

Make a date in your diary for this year's **Christmas Fair**, which will take place from 2-4.30pm on **Saturday 2 December**.

Crafts, stalls, a raffle and auction - washed down with some mulled wine and mince pies - will start your Christmas season off wonderfully. Don't forget to take the kids to see Santa in his grotto!

**Can you lend a hand with the Christmas fair? Please email [stpetersptfa@live.com](mailto:stpetersptfa@live.com) and let us know!**



## Disco time!

The children can get dressed up, meet their friends and get their groove on at the school Christmas Disco on **Tuesday 12 December!**

The disco for Key Stage 1 children will run from 4.30pm to 5.30pm, and for Key Stage 2 children from 5.45pm to 7pm.



## RAISING FUNDS THE EASY WAY

A huge thank you to all our **Easyfundraising** supporters, who have helped us raise an amazing **£205.40** since July.

This brings our total Easyfundraising to **more than £2,300** since we set up an account last year!

**Not already signed up?** Simply join us on **Easyfundraising** and raise free donations each time you shop online with a partner company. Tell your family and friends too. From big names like Amazon and John Lewis as partners, there's no easier way to raise money.

**Click on the link below to Join, Shop and Collect:**  
**St Peter's Easyfundraising Page**

## Father's Day sell-out!

**Our Father's Day Sale in June was a total sell-out!**

The fantastic handmade pressies included Superhero and Star Wars socks, sweets and chocolates. Thanks to everyone who helped!



## YEE-HAW! BARN DANCE RAISES THE ROOF

June's Barn Dance saw the school hall transformed into a bunting festooned, hay baled barn for the evening full of checked shirts and cowboy hats.

The dance floor was packed from the start. The band kept us all in check and (mostly) we doe-si-doed in time to the music.

It was a fun evening with a fish and chip supper, ice cream and a well propped up bar.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the evening so entertaining by helping and attending. We raised a **grand total of £1,622.77!**





## OH WE DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE!

There was a seaside theme to the Farnham Carnival this year and our entry was 'St. Peter's On Sea - It's So Bracing!'

More than 60 children from the school took part - dressed in 1950s seaside costumes, carrying oversized sticks of rock and lollipops.

Our procession was led by a giant sandcastle and included donkeys, seagulls and a Punch & Judy show. We were rewarded by the judges with a **Gold Award**, but most importantly a good time was had by all!

Thanks to all the children who attended the Carnival Club and the hard work of the Carnival Committee in putting on such a great entry.



## TREATS AND FUN

Sweet delights filled the hall at our termly Cake Sale in May, as the children chose their Friday treat from the mouth-watering selection on offer!

The children also had fantastic fun at the end-of-term Summer disco in July! Music blared, lights flashed and Miss Usher skilfully led the dancing.

Children from both Key Stages enjoyed letting their hair down and partying with their friends to celebrate the end of the school year.

## YOUR PTFA NEEDS YOU!

All the money raised by the PTFA is spent on enhancing the school and its facilities. The running track, outside classroom, polytunnel and sail shade are just some examples of how we are supporting our school and children with play and learning.

You might be a star baker or an organising whizz, an ideas person or perhaps you work for a company that could support with raffle or auction prizes.

Anything that you can do to help, no matter how big or small is much appreciated. Email your ideas to Jo [stpetersptfa@live.com](mailto:stpetersptfa@live.com)



## Can you be a match fundraiser?

Last year, several school parents raised £500 through match fundraising.

Many companies offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise. It really is money for nothing, and you could double the amount of cash you raise with very little effort.

Not all companies offer match funding but those that do will pledge a sum of money relating to the amount their employee has raised for or donated to the charity of their choice.

If you think your company will match your fundraising for St Peter's PTFA, then email [stpetersptfa@live.com](mailto:stpetersptfa@live.com) and we'll get back to you with more information.

## ADVERTISE IN PTFA NEWS

Do you have a business, service or rental property that you would like to advertise in our newsletter? For £30 you can have a 1/4 page advert and space on our PTFA notice board for a term.

All proceeds go to PTFA funds to support the school.



## AND FINALLY...OUR BEST EVER SUMMER FAIR!

The summer fair this year was truly spectacular, with more events, games and stalls than ever before! There were some old favourites such as the bouncy castle, the lucky dip and the soft toy tombola as well as the ever-popular donkey rides. Mr Sturgess also made a guest appearance with his crockery smashing!

Our fantastic BBQ returned with Morgan's generously donating delicious sausages and burgers and our Pimms bar was a hit! We were entertained brilliantly by our Young Voices choir and special guests from Showshack. Our raffle and auction had some fantastic prizes and the craft tent, games and external stalls meant there was something for everyone. Year 6 skilfully managed two stalls and Mr Wells didn't stop all afternoon with his brilliant Chuck a Chicken!

It was a fabulous afternoon which **raised a record-breaking £5,279.23**. Thanks so much to everyone who helped with donations, organising and on the day itself.

