



# PTFA NEWS

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## Could you lend a helping hand?

This term we are setting up a group called **Helping Hands**.

Parents often say to us that they can't commit to coming to PTFA meetings or helping at events, but they would be happy to be given jobs to do, like wrapping lucky dip presents, making cakes or bagging up prizes.

**If this sounds like you, please email [stpetersptfa@live.com](mailto:stpetersptfa@live.com) and we'll add you to the distribution list.**



## Happy autumn term!



Welcome to the start of a new school year at St Peter's! I hope you had a lovely summer and your children have settled into their new classes.

Hello to all our new parents: we hope the children enjoy their first term in our lovely Reception year.

This term is as busy as ever for the PTFA, with our first **cake sale on Friday 5 October**. Our first big event is the extremely popular **Quiz & Disco on Friday 12 October**. It's a brilliant fun evening so come if you can! Our Christmas Fair in December is always a lovely family event so we hope to see lots of you there too.

A **huge thank you** to the whole PTFA team for the incredible amount we raised for the school last year. The **total of £24,000** is a fantastic reflection of your hard work. Thank you also to the parents and teachers who helped or came to our events; they couldn't happen without you. The larger events need **a lot of volunteers** so we would like every parent to consider giving us an hour of their time at either the Christmas or Summer Fair please - it really makes a big difference.

Enjoy this term and thank you for your support!

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





## DIARY DATES

Friday 5 Oct 3.15pm  
Cake sale in the hall

Friday 12 Oct 7.30pm  
Heroes & Villains Quiz &  
Disco in the hall

Friday 2 Nov 6.30pm  
Fireworks Display on the  
school field

Friday 30 Nov  
Mufti day (bring a bottle!)

Saturday 1 Dec 2-4.30pm  
Christmas Fair at school

Tuesday 11 Dec  
Christmas Disco  
KS1 4.30-5.30pm  
KS2 5.45-7pm

Weds 19 Dec  
Christmas jumper day in  
aid of Save the Children



## Another record-breaking year

We've done it again and broken our own fundraising record – raising a phenomenal **£24,000** over the last school year. This compares to the previous year's total of £20,445.



Big fundraisers last term were the Summer Fair (£4,542), the Summer Ball (£2,676), and the Summer Disco (£787). We also raised £64 from our Splat the Rat stall at the Wrecclesham Village Fete in July.

You may have noticed some Year 6 children and parents selling ice creams and cakes during the heatwave. This raised £547 to contribute to their Leavers Book.

Funds raised have been fed back into the school to help pay for library books, software licences art supplies, gardening equipment, cookery supplies and a tug of war rope! We also funded eight iPads and 32 laptops over the year, as well as contributed £13,000 towards the 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**

## Cake sale this Friday!

Our autumn term Cake Sale will take place on **Friday 5 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 in the morning or at pick-up.



All donations are welcome as well as clearly labelled 'free from' options – but please ensure **NO NUTS**.

## Fireworks & fun

**Remember, Remember the 2 November** – as that's the date for this year's PTFA Firework Display.

As usual, there will be a licensed bar stocked with mulled wine, ale, draught lager and soft drinks too. There'll be a glow bar and tuck shop, and the BBQ will sell sizzling sausages and tasty burgers provided by long-term sponsor Morgan's (with a veggie option too).

Please bring family and friends to support this popular event. Tickets will go on sale in the playground after half term, and can be purchased on the night.

**Family £12 (up to three children), adults £4, children £2. Gates will open at 6.30pm.**

This event needs many helpers to ensure it runs smoothly, so look out for the sign up sheet if you can help in any way on the night.



## IT'S NEARLY QUIZ TIME!

This term's eagerly-anticipated PTFA Quiz & Disco has a theme of 'Heroes & Villains' and takes place on Friday 12 October in the school hall.



Tickets to this popular PTFA event will go on sale in the playground at 8.20am on Friday 5 October. You can either buy tickets as full tables/teams of eight – or as individuals to be put together as a team by the PTFA.

Doors will open at 7.30pm and the quiz will begin promptly at 8pm. Tickets cost £12 and a meal is included in the price. A fully stocked bar will be available and there'll be a raffle on the night with some great prizes. Fancy dress is always optional but very much encouraged!

## Important ticket information

Due to high demand, we are unable to reserve any tickets for people this year. If you are buying tickets as a team, please organise your team before tickets go on sale, print off and fill in one of the team forms that will be emailed out from the school office.

Please then bring the form and the team's cash/cheque to the ticket sale desk. The max number per table is eight, though it's no problem if you are fewer than that. We only have 136 places (or 17 tables of eight) and it will be first come, first served!

If you're unable to get to the playground at 8.20am on Friday 5 October, please ensure that someone else can get your ticket/s for you. Thank you.



**Make a Date in your diary for this year's Christmas Fair on Saturday 1 December from 2-4.30pm.**

Crafts, stalls, games, a raffle and auction - washed down with some mince pies and mulled wine - will start your Christmas season off wonderfully. Hopefully Father Christmas will make time to visit St Peter's school that day too.

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

## Xmas Disco



The Christmas Disco - a real favourite with all the children - is on **Tuesday 11 December.**

The KS1 disco is from 4.30-5.30pm and costs £3.50, which includes a snack bag. The KS2 disco is from 5.45-7pm and costs £2 with a tuck shop available.

Parents are welcome to stay on site in the cafe in the Year 3 locker area (not in the hall please).

## Father's Day sale success

Thanks to everyone who supported last term's Father's Day Sale.

We had a rush on all the keyrings, fridge magnets, jars of mints and Superhero & Star Wars socks and raised a great sum for the PTFA pot!



## RAISING FUNDS THE EASY WAY

A huge thank you to all our **Easyfundraising** supporters, who helped us raise an amazing **£1,798** over the last school year. This brings our Easyfundraising total to **more than £4,240** since we joined the scheme in 2016!

Join **Easyfundraising** and raise free donations each time you shop online with a partner company. Tell your family and friends too: there's no easier way to raise money.

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





## SUMMER BALL FIESTA

Everyone donned their glad rags and pulled out their best dance moves for another fabulous St Peter's Summer Ball!

Held in Crondall Village Hall in June, the Ball had a fun fiesta theme and our parents' fantastic drinking efforts resulted in a grand total of £2,676 being made between the bar, auction and dessert dash!



## CHRISTMAS CARD FORMS COMING HOME SOON

This week, children in Year1 and upwards will be bringing home a form to design a Christmas card should they wish to. (Reception Year children will be completing their designs in class.)

Your child can design a Christmas picture on the reverse of the order form. Please follow carefully the instructions on the form and bring back completed forms by **Monday 15 October**. There will be a box in the school office to put them in.

Your child/children's designs can be made into cards, mugs, calendars and Christmas present labels. £1 from the sale of each product will go to the school.

*If you have any questions about the process, please contact the PTFA and not the office staff.*





## GLAM ROCKING AT THE CARNIVAL

The crowds turned out in force for the annual Farnham Carnival on a hot, sunny Saturday in June. The overall theme was Rock and Pop Legends and St Peter's entered with a fabulous 1970s Glam Rock look. An army of glam rockers dressed in black and silver, all carrying vinyl props, were accompanied by three large street puppets.

Fun was had by all and as usual we were impressed by the excellent behaviour of the children. The children were thrilled to be awarded Silver in our category.

Thank you to the Carnival Committee for organising the St Peter's entry this year.



## Carnival Committee appeal

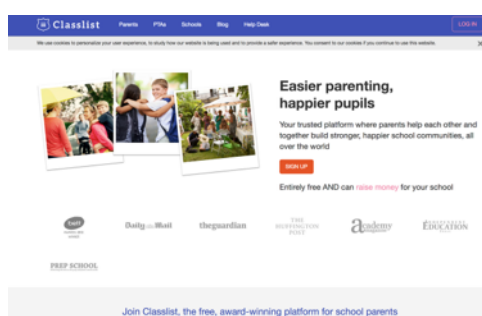
We are looking for parents to join our Carnival Committee to help with next June's entry. Planning starts in January and we would welcome anyone, whether they are good at sewing, making things or just want to generally help out. It's a really fun event, so please email [stpetersptfa@live.com](mailto:stpetersptfa@live.com) if you can help with our entry - thank you!

## CLASSLIST ON ITS WAY

The PTFA is working on a new and improved way to communicate with parents via Classlist.

Designed by parents for parents at schools, Classlist enables the PTFA to communicate directly with parents instead of via the school or class reps. "The beauty of Classlist is that if you are emailing reps and you have three children at school, you won't receive the same message three times," said PTFA vice chair, Katie Lill.

Classlist will also be used to organise and run events, and sign up volunteers. There is also an App for your phone. Look out for your invitation to join Classlist coming soon.



## Can you be a match fundraiser?

Last year, school parents **raised £960 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.

## Did you know that you don't have to 'join' the PTFA to help out at events as and when?

If you don't fancy sitting on the committee but would be happy to help organise one of our events, we would welcome your help.

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

***We are particularly keen to hear from people who'd like to help out at the upcoming Fireworks Display and Christmas Fair.***

Anything that you can do to help, no matter how big or small is much appreciated.

**Please email Jo at [stpetersptfa@live.com](mailto:stpetersptfa@live.com) if you can help.**

## 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.



## WORLD CUP FEVER AT THE SUMMER FAIR

The Summer Fair was a huge success this year, despite clashing with the World Cup!

Stalls, games, donkey rides and a bouncy castle kept the kids entertained and we were treated to wonderful performances from Young Voices and the school choir.



A delicious BBQ, fully stocked bar and ice-cream van kept everyone satisfied -

and screening the football in the hall ensured we had attendance and created a great atmosphere.



The weather was kind to us and it was a lovely day. Thank you to everyone who helped - it's a huge event and your support is greatly appreciated.

