

# PTFA NEWS

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THE PTFA is looking for a new Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer - as at the end of this school year, Joanna Michaelides, Katie Lill and Holly Pressly will step down from their roles.

Jo said: "I've been so pleased to be PTFA Chair for what will be three years at the end of September. During that time, the PTFA will have raised more than £60,000. However, the time has come to step down and hand over the mantle to someone else. We will give full training for all the roles, so no-one is thrown in at the deep end! Please give it some thought."

To chat about what's involved, please email stpetersptfa@live.com or find one of us at school.

## **HELP: WE'RE SHRINKING!**

**HAPPY New Year!** I hope you have all returned to school refreshed and ready for some more fundraising.



We raised an incredible amount last term thanks to our army of volunteers. That said, the PTFA really does need some new members. As our volunteers move up the school, our committee is evershrinking! Your commitment doesn't have to be huge; if you don't fancy coming to meetings you could just run, or be on the committee, of one event. Or you could help manage the bar or provide other support?

We are happy to evolve, to delegate responsibilities and let people manage themselves. But we really need some new members to sustain the significant level of financial support we provide our school. Feel free to email me if you can help and, in the meantime, have a fabulous spring term!

Joanna Michaelides, PTFA Chair stpetersptfa@live.com (click here)





#### **DIARY DATES**

**15 February @ 3.15pm**Valentine's Day
themed cake sale

**13 March** Mad March Hair Day

29 March @ 3.15pm Mother's Day sale



BIG THANKS to Jenny Lawrence (mum to Eddie in

Y4) a now ex-employee of Lindt whose kind donations raised £1,740. This alone was nearly enough to pay for 10 iPads for KS2. Also to Dan Havercroft (dad to Sam in Y3) whose employer HSBC contributed £950 through Matched Funding.

Thanks to all who supported our raffle and auction and to Morgan's of Farnham who continue to supply us with all the meat for our events, free of charge.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The winter term is always a busy fundraising period and last term proved no different.

You helped us to raise nearly the same amount of money from both the Fireworks (£1,823) and the Quiz Night (£1,821) as in 2017 - with the



biggest income coming from the Christmas Fair (£3,971).

A total of £813 was made at the Christmas Disco - so well done Shelley 'Cope' Fassett and all the helpers. Another great earner is Easyfundraising and last term alone your shopping habits helped us raise £497 for the school.

So far this school year, our fundraising has enabled the school to purchase 16 iPads for KS1 and touch screens for Early Years.

We are now setting our sights on raising money for the sensory garden and for improvements to the outside of the Early Years area.

As always, a HUGE thank you to everyone who helps, makes, bakes, buys, sells, counts, nags, bags, sets up and cleans up!

## Holly Pressly PTFA Treasurer



## GO CRAZY THIS MAD MARCH HAIR DAY!

We're looking forward to Mad March Hair Day on **Wednesday 13 March**.



Colour, spikes, crazy braids, anything goes! Let your children get creative in exchange for a £1 donation to the PTFA.

Our helpers will be out with collection buckets at dropoff on the day.

#### **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 quarter page advert and space on our PTFA noticeboard for a term. All proceeds go to PTFA funds to support the school. Just get in touch.



Come along after school on **Friday 29 March** and buy something for Mother's Day on Sunday 31 March. We'll have a wonderful selection of gifts on sale in the playground. Everything will be from 50p to a few pounds and there'll be plenty to go around. There'll be a separate table in the reception playground to allow the smaller children to see what's on offer.



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## CALLING ALL CREATIVES!

St Peter's takes part in the Farnham Carnival every year and we're looking for people to help with this year's entry. The theme is *Fly Me to the Moon* celebrating 50 years since the Moon Landing of Apollo 11 on 20 July 1969.

The carnival takes place on **Sunday 30 June** and we need to put a committee together ASAP to plan costumes and props for our entry.

You don't have to be a PTFA member to do this! If you'd like to help, email stpetersptfa@live.com or catch one of us in the playground.



## **EASYFUNDRAISING UPDATE**

A huge thank you to all our Easyfundraising supporters who have helped us raise an amazing £1,722 in the last year. This brings our total Easyfundraising donations to more than £4,600 since we set up the account.

All you need to do, to raise **FREE** funds that will benefit your children, is to download the free Easyfundraising app and use it every time you shop online.

From your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for our school. There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, Tesco and Sainsbury's.

#### It doesn't cost you a penny extra!

If you are booking your summer holiday soon then we could be receiving big donations that cost you nothing. There are over 250 travel websites which give donations including Booking.com, Expedia, Homeaway, Tui,

Thomas Cook, Hotels.com and many more.

If you haven't already signed up, please take five minutes to do so. If you have, please remember to shop through Easyfundraising and download the Donation Reminder to remind you to get a donation each time you shop.

Click on the link below to Join, Shop and Collect: St Peter's Easyfundraising Page What a fantastic firework display it was last term! Many said the best one we have had yet.

We know some people were a little disappointed by the previous display, so we were thrilled that feedback was taken on board and that last term's display was so good.

It was a fabulous family atmosphere with great food, beverages and the popular glow bar!

Huge thanks to
Morgan's of
Farnham for once
again providing all
the meat for our
BBO.



# HEROES & VILLAINS ROAM THE SCHOOL!

The most popular parents' social event of the year is the PTFA QUIZ NIGHT - and last term's event was bigger and better than ever before!



The
Heroes &
Villains
costumes
were
amazing,
the food
was
fab
and









The
disco
afterwards
finished off
the fun. Well
done to the
winners
and thanks
to all who
attended!









## **LEGO LEGACY**

The PTFA will be supporting the governors this term in their fundraising event, the *Lego Legacy*.

A competition has been run in school to find three drawings on themes agreed by the school. The winning three designs will be made into Lego murals, providing a lasting artwork to be displayed in the office area.

Parents will be invited to buy bricks for the murals and can choose to come and build their section with their children on **23 March** - or for their children to put the bricks on in school. Details to follow...



Mr Wells at work?

## YOUR PTFA NEEDS YOU!

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 stpetersptfa@live.com



Many companies offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise or help raise.

For example, if you volunteer for part of a school fundraising event, the company may match the event's fundraising total or the part on which you volunteered.

We would be so grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they would be willing to match fund any of our events. If you aren't able to volunteer, please do let us know anyway if your employer offers the scheme as perhaps a colleague with a connection to our school might be able to. Thank you!

Other ways to support the school through your workplace include: **corporate volunteering**, volunteering for the school as part of your employer's volunteering programme (as an individual or team); and **pro bono support and gifts** in kind – such as printing services or donation of raffle prizes.

If you think your company will match your fundraising for our PTFA, then email **stpetersptfa@live.com** and we'll get back to you.



## Christmas Fair



The Christmas
Fair is one of
our favourite
events. A lovely
afternoon of
crafts, games,
stalls and
festive fun was

enjoyed by all who came. The mince pies and



mulled wine
went down a
treat, the
children loved
seeing Santa in
his grotto and
the crafts,
games and
face painting
kept everyone
entertained!





BASE Club also opened its doors, which proved very popular.





Our most profitable stall was the Head Teacher's stall so well done Mrs Dunning!





