



PTFA News

St. John's & St. Clement's
C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are delighted to be bringing you our first edition of "PTFA news" which we hope will be both informative and interesting reading! We plan to use this newsletter as a way of keeping you up to date with all the goings on of the PTFA - looking back at what we have raised and how that may be spent in the future as well as dates for your diaries and ways you can get involved and help us to raise even more to support our school.

We'd welcome suggestions of what you'd like to see featured and any questions you want answered so please do always feel free to get in touch with us on sjscptfa@gmail.com or grab any of us in the playground.

Happy reading!

Zohra, Vicki, Kate, Anna & Tim

Easy as 1, 2, 3...

At the end of last term, we were delighted that thanks to your fundraising efforts the PTFA funded the launch of "Mathletics", a multi-award winning online learning resource which promises to "switch kids on to maths". Mathletics is currently being used by 4.6 million students in over 20,000 schools and is an engaging and supportive way of encouraging kids right through from Foundation stage to Key Stage 5 to develop their maths skills and knowledge. Currently years 1-3 are now using Mathletics for maths homework.

"I've never seen my son so excited about doing his maths homework."
Year 2 parent

"I really like it because it makes Maths more fun." Kylon, Year 4

"There has been a real buzz in the school about Mathletics. It's great to hear the children so passionate about their maths. They are really proud of their achievements and love receiving their certificates! A great resource, thanks to the PTFA for funding it."

Joseph Bell, Headteacher



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What exactly is the PTFA?

The PTFA is a registered charity and exists primarily to raise funds for the school to benefit all those who attend. To achieve this, the PTFA, along with parent / carer volunteers run a calendar of events throughout the academic year to raise money for the PTFA as well as to build community within the school. Every parent/carers is automatically a member of the PTFA, however, as the PTFA is a registered charity we are required by law to have a committee in place. The PTFA committee also works directly with the Senior leadership team of the school to decide where to direct the funds that have been raised.

Our aims for this year:

- To encourage more support and involvement from parents/carers within the school
- To look for fresh fundraising ideas as well as continuing to support successful events and activities already in place
- To maintain transparency in terms of the PTFA's role; its aims and how funds are spent (eg. subsidising school trips, big ticket items such as playground equipment)



A BIG thank you to those who have signed up to Easyfundraising and are beginning to raise more funds for the school! Our target is to raise £2,000 by the summer term to spend on new playground equipment.

Every time you shop online with many major retailers, they donate a small amount of commission to a chosen charity - our school PTFA. It really is as simple as that! NO extra cost to you whatsoever.

No. supporters: 124 Raised to date: £679.18

If you still haven't had a chance to sign up we'd encourage you to do so using these easy steps...

1. Find a spare 5 mins in front of your laptop/pc!
2. Go to this link www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sjscptfa/
3. Follow the instructions to create an account.
4. When you are prompted we strongly recommend you install the "Donation Reminder" meaning you will be given a prompt every time you shop with an Easyfundraising partner, eliminating the need to remember and shop via the Easyfundraising website.

This is the KEY to making it even more simple!

"Easyfundraising is the easiest and quickest fundraising you will ever do. Raise money at the click of a button without even having to leave the house. And it makes for guilt free shopping too!"

Reception & Year 2 Parent

"I needed a life insurance policy, and earned £40 for the school!" Reception & Year 2 Parent



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May Fair...



TOP OF THE LEAGUE! SATURDAY 20TH MAY 2017

To celebrate the achievements of our little sports people, budding musicians, high-flying choir and all of our talented school community, the theme of the May Fair this year will reflect just that: **Top of the League!**

This is your moment to share any new ideas you may have! All ideas are welcome and we would love all years to get involved by coming up with a new game or activity to raise money to go towards further playground improvements and for parents / carers to get involved in any way you can to celebrate the talent we have at our wonderful school.

There will be performances, fun workshops, exciting stalls and a delicious BBQ & drinks all on offer as usual. And... to top it all off a closing football match on Goose Green for parents and children to take part in!

We need lots of volunteers to pull this off so please get in touch with us at sjscptfa@gmail.com or your Class Rep with your ideas and how you can be involved!

KS2 NEW LOGO COMPETITION

Calling all budding artists! (and we mean kids, rather than parents!)

We are launching a competition to find a new logo for the St John's & St Clement's PTFA. Please see the enclosed insert with all the details. Closing date is 17th March! We will announce a winner and reveal the chosen design before the end of term.



Dates for the diary...

3rd March:

Wine tasting

17th March:

Logo comp deadline

31st March:

Pre-loved toys,
books & uniform sale

20th May:

May Fair

28th June:

International Evening



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How can you help?

Help comes in many forms and as well as help at events, we are always looking for other transferable skills that could benefit your school!

Please email us at sjscptfa@gmail.com if you can help with any of these areas, or you have any other expertise that may benefit the children, enhance our events and our school.



Graphic Design -
newsletter, advertising



Event Coordinating



DIY



Fundraising



Catering / cooking /
baking



Finances



Photography

PTFA Funds Overview

2016/17*

	£
Balance 2015/16	6,135.00

Income 2016/17:

Christmas tree sales	905.00
Christmas fair	2,329.00
Foxtons sponsorship	750.00
KS2 Feb Disco	332.00
Easyfundraising	625.00
Total income to date:	4909.00

Expenditure 2016/17:

Mathletics subscription	1964.00
Wonderstruck Science workshop	750.00
New basketball nets	34.00
Art equipment (printing press, aprons)	586.00
Fixed contributions**	5,100.00
Total Expenditure to date:	8,434.00

**Sports coaching, trip
subsidising, class presents etc.

*Figures to nearest £

Big smiles and cool moves at the KS2 disco on 2nd Feb!



We value your feedback, ideas & comments!
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