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PTA News - February 2017

Firstly, we would like to welcome you all to the first PTA newsletter of 2017!

Did you know that every single parent and carer is automatically part of the St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School PTA? You all have a voice and a say for how we can fundraise, improve facilities and ensure that as well as the children's education, which is paramount, we also want to have a number of activities to look forward to over the course of the school year. Your input, support and assistance is always appreciated and will make our PTA a success.

We have a lot of exciting information to share with you all and would like to give an update as to what has been happening within the PTA over the past few months. Our aim is to be as transparent as possible and deliver a positive message of support to our School and making the PTA a complete success for years to come.

Our Goals for 2017

2016 Christmas Fayre

We wanted to say a huge thank you to each and every one of you for making last year's Christmas Fayre such a success. The feedback from the children was that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Overall we managed to raise an incredible **£937.66!** We were absolutely blown away by the support given. Thank you to the organisers for making this a truly ground-breaking event.



We have already purchased **50** classic story books for the school library which the children are very much enjoying.



One of our aims for this coming school year is to bring back the School Discos. We have our first Valentines Disco booked for **Friday 24 February** for all KS1 and KS2 children. A separate flyer will be distributed with more information.



We are also bringing **Film Nights** back so your children can enjoy a themed movie, along with refreshments straight after school.



You can also look forward to a communication shortly regarding an upcoming Quiz Night. So here is an advanced warning to brush up on your general knowledge!



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A gentle reminder about the benefits of joining EasyFundraising; we currently have a page set up which allows the school to receive a percentage of your total spend when you shop online at various retailers. We currently have £56 in the pot which is a great start but we need your support in order to raise as much money as we can. You can find out more information by visiting www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephsswf/

Technology at School

The PTA have been in early discussions with the School and are looking at fundraising to purchase a number of iPads for each Teacher to be able to use within the class. We are currently scoping the benefits of moving forward with this technology, and we are aware of a number of useful applications that can benefit teaching methods, and can open up new exciting lines of communication into our Parents and Carers so that you can get a view as to how your child is progressing, updates from your child's Teacher, and access to a library of images captured during the school day. We hope to update you shortly on this exciting venture.

Company Sponsorship

We are currently looking for companies to sponsor our PTA; if you own your own business, or work for a company who are looking to make a charitable donation to our cause then please do get in touch. We'd love to hear from you!

What happens next?

Our next official PTA meeting will take place on Wednesday 1 March (further details to follow). We are currently looking to appoint Class Representatives to cover every year group; this role is vital in helping assist with the various events that are looking to be organised and this person will be the key contact for all events taking place within your child's class. If you are interested in becoming a Class Representative, please contact us on the details below.

How to get in touch

As the PTA are in our infancy, we are currently awaiting an assigned email address. However, we are available to speak to in person and would very much like to hear any ideas, events or fundraising activities that you would like to be discussed.



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The current PTA committee consist of:



Emma Corner, Chairman

I have my youngest Amber who is currently in Year 1, and my middle daughter Megan left St Joseph's last year. St Joseph's were amazing for my Megan and I have wanted to be a part of the school for a long time. Finally with my third and final baby I can be a big part of raising funds and organising events to make amazing memories for Amber and all the children attending the school. Please don't ever hesitate to talk to me about your ideas and I would love to hear your feedback on all events.



Emma Savin, Vice Chairman

I have 4 children and am married to Jim. Three of the children are in St Joseph's - Ben in Year 5, Niamh in Year 3 and Harry in Reception. Piper is now in college studying Health and Social Care. I ran a Talent and Organisation Development team for a global engineering company but am now taking a well-earned break for now. Well that was the plan but they seem to be keeping me busy!



Nicola Phillips, Secretary

Nicola has a daughter, Freya in Reception class and 2 year old son called Buddy. She is very passionate about being part of our PTA. Nicola is a Project Manager for a large communications company and prides herself on being super organised and efficient. You'll often see Nicola at the school gates so come and say Hi!



We are actively looking for a new Treasurer to assist with our finances and ensure our accounts are managed accordingly. Finance/Accounting experience is preferred given the complexity of this position. Please do let us know if you would be interested.

Thank you for taking the time to read our Newsletter. Please keep an eye out for the correspondence for the Valentines Disco.

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