



**£10,858
raised last
year
Thank You!**

PTFA NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2014-15. We hope you had a great summer, and are looking forward to joining us in a fantastic new year of fundraising. Our Summer Fayre seems a long way off now but with the sun shining it was a fantastic afternoon and raised a whopping £3,667! Thank you to everyone who turned up to support the fayre and to all the volunteers who helped on the day putting up the gazebos, moving tables, running stalls and helping clear away at the end.

We have lots of activities planned for this year, some regular great fun events, such as Family Bingo, Christmas Parties/Discos and some new ones including a Fashion Show & Clothes Sale, Family Quiz Night and parents' Theatre Trip!

This year to help reduce our carbon footprint and to be as eco-friendly as we can, we will continue to send our newsletters and publications via school and they will be sent out via email with Mrs Walsh's weekly letter. In addition, all information will be placed on the PTFA section of the school website and on the PTFA Facebook page. If you've not had a look at what we do, please take a few minutes to look through our pages, and 'like' us on Facebook. We will also print out a few hard copies of the information, which will be available in the school reception area for collection.

MEETINGS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE LAST HALF TERM

Welcome Meeting – 23rd September

Yes we've already had two meetings this year - the first was a Welcome to Parents who wanted to find out a little bit more about what the PTFA does, who we are, and how they are able to help. We had a great introductory night, and I think everyone went away understanding a little more about what we do, and that we more than welcome new parents/guardians/grandparents to the meetings. So if you missed the meeting on the 23rd September, don't worry - just turn up to our next one!

AGM – 7th October

Thank you to all parents who were able to support this year's AGM. Mrs Walsh thanked the Committee and all PTFA helpers for their hard work during the year.

The following PTFA Members were elected to serve on the committee for the coming year:

Chairperson	-	Helen Phillips
Vice Chairperson	-	Sarah Edgar
Secretary	-	Neil Dalby
Treasurer	-	Kerrie Tranter
Uniform Co-ordinator	-	Michaela Kerr
Ordinary Members	-	Sarah Sprason, Leigh-Anne Mills, Leanne Tolley

Helen Phillips takes up the reigns as Chairperson, taking over from Helen (Nell) Pursehouse who has led the PTFA as Chair for the past two years. Mrs Walsh gave a vote of thanks to Nell for her dedication and leadership which has seen the PTFA continue to go from strength to strength. Nell intends to stay close to the PTFA and will continue to attend meetings and remain involved.

Diary Dates

**Thursday 23rd
October**

**Non-Uniform Day
(Chocolate
Donations!)**



**Monday 20th &
Tuesday 21st
October**



Friday 5th December

**Family Chocolate
Bingo**



**Wednesday 17th
December**

Christmas Parties



In the meeting it was confirmed that the amount of funds raised last year was **£10,858**

This is a fantastic amount, and on behalf of the PTFA we'd like to thank everyone for their support in helping us to raise the money to help benefit all of our children.

If you weren't able to attend the AGM, a copy of the Chair's Report and Treasurer's report can be found on the PTFA section of the school website. If you have any ideas on how you think funds should be spent please let us know!

WHERE HAS THE MONEY BEEN SPENT?

During last year (2013/14) the major purchases were:

- Huff and Puff Sports Equipment
- Numicon – maths teaching resource
- PA Sound system to be used at school events
- Pop-up Gazebos to be used at school events
- Book Mark Sticker Prizes
- Year 6 Leavers Autograph Books

We have also agreed funds for the following:

- £4,500 for outdoor gym equipment
- £1,600 (£200 per year group) for the Art Enrichment Day

2013/14 Fundraising Snapshot:

Summer Fayre	£3,667
School Photographs	£1,608
End of Year Parties	£943
Christmas Parties	£918
Bingo Nights	£974
Christmas Cards/Mugs	£772
Pamper Evening	£329
Easter Egg Hunt	£290
Bag2School	£190
Non Uniform Day	£183
Yr 5/6 Film Night	£107

FUNDRAISING EVENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE THIS HALF TERM

A huge thank you to all children who have designed their own Christmas cards this half term. The designs have been sent off to the supplier in order for sample cards to be made. Once we have received the samples back they will be sent home with children so that parents can place orders.

NEXT HALF TERM - PTFA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE & TIME	EVENT	WHERE
20 th and 21 st October	Bag2School Collection	Outside the office on Mon (20 th) before 9am and at 3.15pm and Tue (21 st) by 9am
23 rd October	Non-Uniform Day for Chocolate Bingo Donations	Please hand in donations to your Class Teacher (item of chocolate or £1 donation)
10 th November	Christmas Card Orders	Please place orders by 10 th November
11 th November	PTFA Meeting – all welcome	KS1 Staff Room (7.00pm)
5 th December	Family Bingo Night	KS1 Hall
17 th December	Christmas Parties/ Discos	KS1 / KS2 Hall (times to be confirmed)

FUTURE EVENTS

Our Calendar of Events was sent out a few weeks ago with Mrs Walsh's weekly letter but is also available on the PTFA section of the school website, on our notice board and copies have been placed in the school reception area.



With chocolate prizes to be won, hot chocolate & marshmallows and hot jacket potatoes, our **Christmas Bingo Night** is always a popular family event and a fantastic fundraiser. But tickets sell quickly so look out for the flyer due out soon and book early. Thursday 23rd October will be a non-uniform day where children will be asked to bring in a Christmas 'themed' item of chocolate or make a monetary donation to the PTFA.

Email us: ptfa.secretary@googlemail.com

Web Pages: www.fiveways.staffs.sch.uk

Visit: www.easyfundraising.org.uk – raise funds by using this internet shopping site.

Our cause is: Five Ways Primary School – Cannock

Registered Charity No : 1030888

 www.facebook.com/fivewaysptfa



Tickets to see **The Bodyguard Musical** at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton on 30th April 2015 are now on sale! We have reserved great seats in the centre stalls and with group discount, tickets cost just £36.50 per person. Depending on demand we will look into organising return coach transport. Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. Please return your ticket request and money by 7th November. (*The show is not recommended for children under 11 years*).

HOW YOU CAN HELP US TO RAISE MONEY?

We understand that most families are extremely busy, and sometimes attending a meeting might not always be possible - but it's not just about attending the meetings! Here are just a few ways you can help us:

- Do you shop online? At anytime, and with a busy time of the year fast approaching why not do your online shopping via our easy fundraising website? All you need to do is log onto www.easyfundraising.org.uk - our cause is **Five Ways Primary School Cannock**. By using this website, you do your online shopping as usual, however each company offers a small percentage back to the PTFA - this doesn't cost you a penny, but can help us to raise much needed funds. The site also enables you to be able to compare prices from different companies, and can offer discounts.
- Do you work for a large organisation such as a supermarket, a bank such as Barclays etc, where they offer employee matched schemes? - just check your company's Corporate & Social Responsibility Policy, some even offer paid time off work to do charity work (the PTFA is a registered charity).
- Do you work for a company that may be able to supply products etc, for our events at a discount?
- Would you or the company you work for be able to donate a raffle prize?
- Are you available to be an occasional helper - we often need help to set up seating and tables for events, to man the refreshment stalls at discos, put flyers up in the school and in the local community?
- Do you do a job/skill that could help us save money rather than us having to buy in e.g. are you a DJ? Would you like to have a go at being a compere or Quiz Master? Do you work in PR or marketing and would like to help out with putting our newsletters together, raising awareness of PTFA activities etc?



If you are able to provide any help please contact us via ptfa.secretary@googlemail.com - every little helps!

KEEP INFORMED VIA FACEBOOK



Wow, our Facebook page now has over 200 'likes'! Thank you to everyone who has supported the page and please spread the word and tell your friends about it! The page is owned and operated by volunteers of the PTFA and *not by the school*. It's a good way of keeping informed about forthcoming events and keeping updated on how much money has been raised and what we have spent it on. If you would like to be kept informed about the activities of the PTFA, please go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fivewaysptfa and 'like' us.

Helen Phillips
Chairperson



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