



# Five Ways School

PTFA

Working for our school, our children



## PTFA NEWSLETTER

### MEETINGS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE LAST HALF TERM

A meeting was held on 11th November. The main items for discussion centred on the preparations for the forthcoming events such as the Christmas Bingo, the Book Fair and the Christmas parties and discos. The full minutes of the meeting can be found on the PTFA pages of the school website: [www.fiveways.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.fiveways.staffs.sch.uk)

### PTFA DONATIONS TO SCHOOL

So how are we spending the money which you all helped to raise last year? Well, this was one of the first priorities of the PTFA Committee at the AGM earlier this year and we agreed to provide money to the school to buy the following:

- £5,000 for an additional set of 15 iPads with trolley
- Up to £3,500 for an interactive whiteboard for the music room
- £3,900 curriculum grant (i.e. £300 to each curriculum area) to support the new Curriculum.
- £4,500 to purchase outdoor play/gym equipment (deferred from previous year)
- £1,600 (£200 per year group) for the Art Enrichment Day.

We have also agreed to fund the installation of wifi across the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 areas.

This is a fantastic contribution for school to purchase items and support events that may not have been able to be provided without your help. Thank you for supporting our activities last year - the money raised will make a huge difference!

### FUNDRAISING EVENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE THIS HALF TERM

The pupils' **Christmas cards** using their own designs once again, proved that they were as popular as ever. Many thanks to everyone who ordered cards, mugs, teddy bears and t-towels and big thanks to Sarah Edgar and Emma Wedge who kindly collated and inputted the orders on-line. We raised **£872.65** in commission from sales. Thank you for your support with this project.

Once again the **Bingo Night** was a sell out event and as always the feedback we had from everyone that attended was that it was a fantastic family night out, with a great festive atmosphere. Along with the 6 games of bingo, we held a colouring competition, a raffle and to end the night the Bingo 'flyer'. Congratulations to Claire White, winner of the Grand Chocolate Hamper! We also had a surprise visit from Santa for all of the children and they each received a chocolate selection box. Thank you to everyone who supported the evening and to everyone who donated chocolate and or gave a donation on non uniform day which enabled us to make up some fantastic prizes! The bingo night raised **£441.22** – well done and thank you!

In addition to this fantastic result, our **Non Uniform Day** on 23<sup>rd</sup> October raised **£392.53** – Thank you.

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### 2015 Diary Dates

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
Family Quiz Night

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Easter Bingo

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
The Bodyguard  
Theatre Trip

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June  
Bag2School

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
High Street Fashion  
Show & Clothes  
Sale

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July  
Summer Fayre

Wednesday  
15<sup>th</sup> July  
End of Year Parties

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Feedback from the Bingo Night has suggested other Family Events, such as Quiz Nights, Beetle Drives etc. We're currently arranging a Family Quiz Night on 30<sup>th</sup> January at school. If you'd like to join us in our 2<sup>nd</sup> ever Quiz Night please keep a look out for our flyers after Christmas and book your team in ASAP!

This year's **Book Fair** which was organised by school was also very popular, and by purchasing books at the Book Fair, you help to raise commission for our school to buy additional books for the children to enjoy.



**Christmas Parties** - Once again the PTFA have organised parties and discos for all of the children. We hope they had a great time! Big thank you to all the parents who kindly volunteered to help out at the parties. We are only able to organise these events safely if we have enough parents offering to help – thank you very much!

**Christmas Raffle** - Thank you to one of our families for kindly donating pantomime tickets for Sleeping Beauty at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Cannock. Raffle tickets for the pantomime have been on sale at both the Bingo Night and also each Friday before and after school during December. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term and the lucky winner will be contacted to collect the tickets. Many thanks to everyone who has supported us by buying a raffle ticket! The winners are sure to have a great time.

### **FUTURE EVENTS - Next Half Term - PTFA Dates for your Diary**

We're always trying to gain your feedback and to be able to hold new and exciting events during the year. Coming up in 2015 we have a number of new events - take a look below:

DATE & TIME	EVENT	WHERE
13 <sup>th</sup> January 2015	PTFA Meeting – all welcome	KS1 Staff Room (7pm for 7.15pm prompt start)
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2015	PTFA Meeting – all welcome	KS1 Staff Room (7pm for 7.15pm prompt start)
27 <sup>th</sup> February 2015	Family Quiz Night	KS1 Staff Room (time TBC)
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2015	PTFA Meeting – all welcome	KS1 Staff Room (7pm for 7.15pm prompt start)
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	Easter Bingo	KS1 Hall, 6.30pm doors open for eyes down at 7pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2015	Easter Egg Hunt	3.30pm on school field (weather permitting)
28 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	PTFA Meeting – all welcome	KS1 Staff Room (7pm for 7.15pm prompt start)
30 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	The Bodyguard Musical	7.30pm at the Grand Theatre Wolverhampton
9 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	PTFA Meeting – all welcome	KS1 Staff Room (7pm for 7.15pm prompt start)
15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Bag2School collection	Outside the office on Mon (15 <sup>th</sup> ) before 9am and at 3.15pm and Tue (16 <sup>th</sup> ) by 9am
19 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	High Street Fashion Show & Clothes Sale	6.30pm – 9.00pm, KS1 Hall
7 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	PTFA Meeting – all welcome	KS1 Staff Room (7pm for 7.15pm prompt start)
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	Summer Fayre	School Field (2.00pm – 5.00pm)
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	End of Year Discos	To be confirmed



**Family Quiz Night - 27<sup>th</sup> February** - Why not join us for our first ever Family Quiz Night at school. The full details are just being finalised by the PTFA, but now's the time to start thinking about putting your team together and to test your knowledge in a great family environment. Questions will be geared for all age ranges in a team, so everyone can get involved right from the start. Hot and cold refreshments will also be available on sale during the night. Look out for a PTFA letter in the New Year as we will be sending out information about the night and how to book your team a place in the 'Quiz Event of the Year!'

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## Theatre Trip to see The Bodyguard Musical - 30<sup>th</sup> April

We have sold 25 tickets for the Bodyguard at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton in April next year. Once the tickets have been posted out to the PTFA everyone who has purchased them will be contacted in plenty of time for them to be collected from the school office. Anyone going should arrange their own transport.

## High Street Fashion Show and Clothes Sale - 19<sup>th</sup> June

We are really excited about this new event as we have teamed up with the fashion show and sale company Shop2Drop Ltd, to bring you a ladies evening full of entertainment and shopping! This is an opportunity to have a great night out with your friends and be able to not only watch a Fashion Show, but also to be able to buy clothes and accessories with up to 75% off the high street prices. Clothes from retailers including Next, Wallis, Top Shop, M&S, Debenhams, New Look, River Island, Miss Selfridge, Evans etc will be on sale and can be purchased on the evening. **We must sell 80 tickets in advance** for this event to go ahead so please invite your friends and family. All ladies welcome age 16+. More information to follow in the New Year!



## HOW YOU CAN HELP US TO RAISE MONEY?

Please remember if you shop on-line please register with [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and raise funds for Five Ways School without it costing you a penny!



## KEEP INFORMED VIA FACEBOOK



We've now reached 230 'likes' on our Facebook Page. It's a great way of keeping informed about what we're up to! If you haven't already liked the page you can go to [www.facebook.com/fivewaysptfa](http://www.facebook.com/fivewaysptfa) and 'like' us.

Just a reminder who your **PTFA Committee for 2014/15** are:-

Helen Phillips – Chairperson  
Sarah Edgar – Vice Chairperson  
Neil Dalby – Secretary  
Kerrie Tranter – Treasurer  
Leigh-Anne Mills, Sarah Sprason, Leanne Tolley – Ordinary Members

Plus we have a group of dedicated helpers who attend meetings where they can and help out at events.

If at any time you are able to help support us in any of our activities, however small, please contact any one of the above people via the school office or please drop us a note at [ptfa.secretary@googlemail.com](mailto:ptfa.secretary@googlemail.com). Any help you can give really is appreciated and you don't have to come to all the meetings!

**Once again, thank you to everyone for your help throughout the term and on behalf of the PTFA  
I would like to wish you all a  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**Helen Phillips  
Chairperson**



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