



Five Ways School

PTFA

Working for our school, our children

Fashion Show & Clothes Sale
19th June 2015
Book early!

PTFA NEWSLETTER

Welcome back! We hope all the children had a wonderful half term break.

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MEETINGS THAT TOOK PLACE LAST HALF TERM

Two meetings have taken place on 13th January and 10th February. The main items for discussion centred on the preparations for the forthcoming events including the Yr 5&6 Film Night, the Family Quiz Night, Easter Bingo, Easter Egg Hunt and a brand new event – a Fashion Show & Clothes Sale in June. The Minutes of the meetings can be found on the PTFA pages of the school website. (www.fiveways.staffs.sch.uk)

PTFA DONATIONS TO SCHOOL

£5,000 for iPads & trolley - you will be pleased to know that the additional set of 15 iPads we are funding have now been ordered and the children will be using them very soon in school.

£4,500 for outdoor gym/play equipment - we are excited to hear that Mrs Marsh and Mr Redpath have been busy choosing the outdoor play/gym equipment which we are paying for from our 2012/13 fundraising. We can't wait for it to be installed and to see the children enjoying it!

£3,900 for key subject areas - we have given school £300 for each curriculum area to help support the new curriculum.

£7,000 for Wi-Fi in Foundation Stage & KS1 Area – quotes have been obtained for the installation of Wi-Fi across the Foundation Stage and KS1 areas, which will enable the children in the lower years to be able to use the iPads in their classrooms.

What Next?

We have agreed to fund the following items on the school 'wish list' and they will be ordered as soon as we have raised enough funds to pay for them:-

- Up to £3,500 for an interactive whiteboard for the music room
- £4,100 for multi-media equipment in the KS1 hall

As always, a big thank you to all parents, family and friends for supporting our activities. Without your support we would not be able to fund any of the above.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE LAST HALF TERM

Film Night - Year 6 pupils voted to select 'A Night at the Museum' as the film to be shown at the Film Night. It was later opened up to include Year 5 pupils. Many of them turned up in their onesies and enjoyed watching the film and eating their popcorn! Mrs Mander praised the children for their impeccable behaviour, so well done to all of them. We'll let you know how much was raised in our next Newsletter.

Family Quiz Night - regrettably our Family Quiz Night due to take place tonight has been cancelled due to lack of interest and numbers of teams taking part. All monies

2015 Diary Dates

Friday 27th March
Easter Bingo

Thursday 2nd April
Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 30th April
The Bodyguard
Theatre Trip

15th & 16th June
Bag2School

Friday 19th June
High Street Fashion
Show & Clothes
Sale

Saturday 11th July
Summer Fayre

End of Year Parties:
15th July
Years 1 - 6

16th July
Early Years

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will be refunded in full to the few families who booked to attend. Thank you to Emma Wedge, Sarah Edgar and Hollie Horton who worked hard to put the format and questions together but we hope to be able to run this event at another time in the future. Do let us know if you have any alternative ideas on events you would like organising!

UPCOMING EVENTS – 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
3 rd March 2015	PTFA Meeting – all welcome	KS1 Staff Room (7pm for 7.15pm prompt start)
27 th March 2015	Easter Bingo	KS1 Hall, 6.30pm doors open for eyes down at 7pm
2 nd April 2015	Easter Egg Hunt	3.30pm on school field (weather permitting)
28 th April 2015	PTFA Meeting – all welcome	KS1 Staff Room (7pm for 7.15pm prompt start)
30 th April 2015	The Bodyguard Musical	7.30pm at the Grand Theatre Wolverhampton
9 th June 2015	PTFA Meeting – all welcome	KS1 Staff Room (7pm for 7.15pm prompt start)
15 th and 16 th June	Bag2School collection	Outside the office on Mon (15 th) before 9am and at 3.15pm and Tue (16 th) by 9am
19 th June 2015	High Street Fashion Show & Clothes Sale	6.30pm for 7pm start, KS1 Hall
7 th July 2015	PTFA Meeting – all welcome	KS1 Staff Room (7pm for 7.15pm prompt start)
11 th July 2015	Summer Fayre	School Field (2.00pm – 5.00pm)
15 th July 2015	End of Year Discos – Years 1 - 6	KS2 Hall (times to be confirmed)
16 th July 2015	End of Year Parties – Early Years (Nursery & Reception)	During school day

Easter Bingo – 27th March



Thank you to everyone who donated chocolate or made a monetary donation on non-uniform day at the end of last term. The chocolate will be bundled up to form the prizes for our forthcoming Bingo Night. This is a great fundraising event and is only viable with your kind donations, so thank you all very much! A letter with all the details about Easter Bingo will be sent out via email with Mrs Walsh's weekly letter on 27th February. If you wish to book your place, please return the booking form and money straight away as places are limited and this is a hugely popular event. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Easter Egg Hunt – 2nd April



Details about this year's Easter Egg Hunt will be sent out on Friday 6th March. Weather permitting the hunt will take place on the school field at 3.30pm. The children will collect an answer sheet from the Gazebo on the field then search for letter clues to guess the spring time word! Siblings can be included and the cost is £2 per child.



High Street Fashion Show and Clothes Sale - 19th June

Ladies – please support us in this new event which promises to be a very enjoyable night and a great fundraiser for our school. We are really excited to be teaming 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 girl friends and be able to not only watch a Fashion Show, but also to be able to buy clothes

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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+.** Booking forms can be downloaded from the PTFA section of the school website or paper copies are available at the school office. Tickets are £5.00 each and include a welcome drink and a ticket for the raffle to win a £50.00 clothes voucher. ***If you wish to purchase more than one ticket, additional tickets will be £3.00 each.***

HOW YOU CAN HELP US TO RAISE MONEY?

Please remember if you shop on-line please register with **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 235 '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** and 'like' us.

DON'T FORGET THE WEBSITE – WWW.FIVEWAYS.STAFFS.SCH.UK

As you know there is a PTFA section to the school website and we work very hard to ensure it is always maintained and kept up to date. Please take a look at our pages and keep informed about what we're doing and how the money you have helped to raise is being spent. You can find all the Minutes of PTFA meetings, Latest News, Newsletters, Uniform Order forms, Photo Gallery and lots more. You can even download copies of our newsletters and event flyers if you do not receive information via email or are not able to collect paper copies from the office.

PTFA NOTICE BOARD

Our notice board located on the wall outside the school office is another way of keeping abreast of what we're up to. You'll find event information, meeting dates and times and much more!

CONTACT US

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**. Any help you can give really is appreciated and you don't have to come to all the meetings!

Helen Phillips
Chairperson



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