



## PTFA NEWSLETTER

### MEETINGS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE LAST HALF TERM

#### PTFA Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> March

The meeting focused on upcoming events. We also began to look at organising a Film Night for KS2 children and have kick-started planning for the Summer Fayre on 13<sup>th</sup> July and a Fashion Show fundraiser for next year. We discussed holding a 'Bring your Cans to School Day' in order to collect old tin cans which can be recycled. We also discussed the possibility of PTFA funds being used to support enrichment days where the PTFA allocates a set amount of money per year group for their enrichment day theme. Minutes of all PTFA meetings are available on the PTFA pages of the school website.

#### Extra-Ordinary Meeting (EGM) – 6<sup>th</sup> May

The first 15 minutes of the meeting was the EGM to approve last year's accounts and present the Treasurer's report for 2012/13. The second part of the meeting was dedicated to Summer Fayre planning. If you are able to help (however short a time) on the day of the Fayre, please leave your name and contact number on the Volunteer Register in the school office.

### RECENT FUNDRAISING

Last term was really busy with more events than ever taking place during March and April - thank you to everyone who was able to help out at the planning, organising and of course participating in the fundraising activities, we hope you had a great time!

**Bag2School** (10-12 March) - Thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted items of clothes, shoes, handbags and soft toys. We have raised **£70** from our March collection.

**Book Fair** (13-19 March) - the Book Fair was supported by many families who purchased books throughout the week which in turn earns commission for the school to purchase additional books for classes and the libraries. This year with the book fairs in both the Autumn Term and the last term we have been able to donate **£948** to the school (in commission) for additional books to be purchased - Many thanks to everyone who was able to support this event - we hope you're enjoying reading your books!

**Disney on Ice** (15 March) - once again a sell out event. Feedback from families that attended thoroughly enjoyed the show, had great seats and felt the event was run very smoothly. It was great to see so many children all dressed up as their favourite Disney characters. Another Disney trip is likely to be organised in the next school year - watch this space!



### Diary Dates

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Leavers T Shirts  
Order Deadline**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
June**

**Bag2School**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

**Last Date for  
Uniform Orders**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

**Summer Fayre**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

**End of Year Shows  
/ Discos**

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**Pamper & Shopping Night (26 March)** - our second Pamper Night and we have received some great feedback from those that attended. There were some fantastic stalls selling gifts, handbags, fashion items etc and most of the health & beauty treatments were sold out in advance! There were some great bargains at great prices. The night is a great way to try new treatments without having to spend a huge amount of money. On the night, people were able to try reflexology, reiki, have a back massage, pedicure and manicure - all for under a fiver, and even get a professional spray tan for £15! We raised just over **£300** on the night. Well done everyone and a big thank you to all our stallholders.



**Easter Bingo (4 April)** – as always, the Bingo Night was a huge sell out event, and a great family night out for all the family. Following jacket potato tea, we played six games of bingo, followed by a final ‘flyer’ game. Well done to Miss Lewis who won the Grand Chocolate hamper! There were also spot prizes during the evening, a colouring competition, an Easter word search, Guess the Name of the Bunny and a raffle. We even had a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny who handed out Easter Eggs for all the children. The Easter Bingo Night raised **£580** which is a fantastic amount and thank you to everyone who brought in chocolate, made a monetary donation on non-uniform day or came on the night. What a great result!

**Easter Egg Hunt (11 April)** - with the weather on our side this year, we had a fantastic turn out for the Easter Egg Hunt and had a special Easter Bunny visit our school to make sure everyone had a great time. Well done to all the children who found the clues and unscrambled the spring time word.



**A big ‘Thank You’ to everyone for all your support in our fundraising efforts.**

**THIS HALF TERM – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

DATE & TIME	EVENT	WHERE
Deadline for orders 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 6 Leavers T-Shirts	
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Bag2School Collection	In the swimming pool on Mon - Tues (16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> ) then outside the office on the 18 <sup>th</sup> by 9am
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July (note date change)</b>	Summer Fayre	School Field (weather permitting)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Shows / Discos	KS1/KS2 Hall (times to be confirmed)

**SUMMER FAYRE – SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - the Summer Fayre is our flagship event and our largest fundraiser. We are looking for volunteers to help with this year’s Summer Fayre – if you would like to run a stall with a friend, help with refreshments, distribute posters around the community or simply help set up or tidy away, please pop into the school office to sign the Summer Fayre **Volunteer Register**. We’re also looking for prize donations for the Grand Summer Fayre Raffle. If you work for a company willing to donate a raffle prize or you wish to make a donation yourself please contact us via the school office or **ptfa.secretary@googlemail.com**. Thank you.

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**BUSINESS STALL HOLDERS** - we have a limited number of spaces for any parents who run their own business and would like to have a stall at the Summer Fayre - £15 per stall. Interested? Please contact a member of the PTFA via the school office. *NB. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.*

**SUMMER FAYRE – DONATIONS** - we are seeking kind donations for stalls:-

Nursery, Reception, Yrs 1 & 2      **Crazy Cups.** A plastic cup will be sent home with your child to fill with items like hair bobbles, clips, pins, rubbers etc.

Years 3,4,5 and 6      **Tombola.** This year we will be putting the chocolate tombola, pamper stall and bottle stall together. Please bring items such as chocolate, pamper goods (e.g. hand cream, soap etc) and bottles (e.g. fizzy drinks, wine, squash, ketchup etc.). ***NB. Any bottle containing alcohol must be brought in and handed to the school office by an adult.***

General donations are also being sought including **good quality books, toys** and **nearly new items of uniform.** Thank you.

## UNIFORM ORDERING SERVICE

Don't forget that we have two suppliers of Five Ways Uniform - **Uniforms Plus** in Burntwood and **Crested School Wear** in Cannock town centre. Both suppliers give a commission back to the PTFA on uniform sold. The PTFA operate an ordering and collection service via Uniforms Plus. If you would like to order uniform via the PTFA please collect a Uniform Order Form from the school office or download from the school website.

Please note that the last date for ordering uniforms to guarantee you have it before we break up for the summer holidays is **4<sup>th</sup> July.**



## KEEP INFORMED VIA FACEBOOK

Since launching the Five Ways PTFA facebook page in September we're really pleased that we've achieved 160 'likes'. However we'd like this to be more so please spread the word and tell your friends about it! The page is owned and operated by volunteers of the Five Ways PTFA and **NOT BY THE SCHOOL.** We will use the page to post information about forthcoming events, share relevant information and raise general awareness about our activities. We'll also keep you updated on what resources we've purchased as a result of fundraising events. 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](http://www.facebook.com/fivewaysptfa)** and 'like' us.

## DO YOU WORK FOR BARCLAYS BANK?

Did you know there are hundreds of organisations throughout the UK that offer their employees the chance to boost their individual fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise for their chosen charity or community organisation? For example, if you work for Barclays and help run a stall at the Summer Fayre, through the matched fundraising scheme, Barclays will match the funds you help raise up to £1,000. Please let us know if you work for Barclays or another organisation who operates an employee matched giving programme.

**Helen Pursehouse – Chairperson**



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