



# Five Ways School

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## PTFA NEWSLETTER

### Meetings that have taken place this half term

A meeting was held on 14th November in the KS1 Staff Room. The main items for discussion centred on the preparations for the forthcoming events such as the Bingo Evening, 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)

### Fundraising events that have taken place this half term

The pupils' **Christmas cards** once again, proved that they were as popular as ever, raising more than £818! Many thanks to everyone who ordered cards and to the PTFA helpers who collated and inputted the orders on-line.



Once again the **Bingo Night** was a sellout event and raised a massive £402.59. The feedback we had from everyone that attended was that it was a fantastic family night out, with a great atmosphere. There was also a surprise visit from Santa for all of the children who were able to attend. From listening to feedback from our previous Bingo evenings, jacket potatoes and fillings were pre-ordered before the night, baked and served by Justin and Becky who have children at our school - thank you for all your hard work - the spuds were lovely! Of course, the event couldn't take place without the fantastic chocolate donations from parents at the school, once again thank you for your support. We know not everyone can attend the evenings, so this year in the end of term Assemblies one child from each year group will be presented with a chocolate prize as a result of taking part in a Christmas colouring competition or Christmas poetry competition organised within school. The non-uniform day raised £182.85, as well as the chocolate donations!

Our next Bingo Evening is planned for Easter - remember to book your places early!

This year's **Book Fair** was also very popular. We sold £743 worth of books, which has raised £386 for school to purchase additional books for the children to enjoy.

The **School Photographs** (both single and siblings) took place this half term. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the day after our SOS plea. It was great to see you on the day and the feedback that we had was that although the day was busy, all the volunteers enjoyed their time at school. We also ran a **Family Portrait Day** in November using the photographers that take the school photographs. The photographs have raised an impressive £1,509.



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13th - 19th March:

*Book Fair*

14th March:

*Bag2School*

26th March:

*Pamper & Shopping Night*

March:

*Disney on Ice - Worlds of Fantasy*

4th April:

*Easter Family Bingo*

11<sup>th</sup> April:

*Easter Egg Hunt*

*Merry Christmas to all parents and pupils!*

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Thank you to one of our families for kindly donating pantomime tickets for Aladdin at the Prince of Wales Theatre and to all parents who supported us by buying a raffle ticket! We are busy contacting local companies to ask for raffle prizes for the Summer Fayre on 12th July and other events during the year. If anyone would like to donate a small raffle prize we'd love to hear from you!

As you will know, we have also launched our **Facebook** page which along with our newsletters and web pages on the school website, will keep you up to date with activities and events. If you'd like to visit our Facebook page go to [www.facebook.com/fivewaysptfa](http://www.facebook.com/fivewaysptfa) and 'like' us. We already have over 100 'likers' of our page so thanks to everyone for your support!

## How have we spent the money raised?

Whilst the final figure raised from last year is to be confirmed with an independent auditor we have to date purchased and donated the following items for our pupils:



- Sports ball compressor for inflating school footballs and netballs etc
- Donated £1,000 for additional huff and puff equipment.
- Agreed to donate £1,300 for school to purchase new maths equipment that can be used by pupils in all years.
- Helped Santa to source presents for children in Early Years.
- Arranged the school parties and discos.

Thank you for your continued support, without your help we would not be able to assist the school by purchasing much needed equipment and resources. We are hoping to offer some more fun and new activities during the year - any help you can give, however small, is gratefully received - just drop us a note at [ptfa.secretary@googlemail.com](mailto:ptfa.secretary@googlemail.com)

## Next Half Term - PTFA Dates for your Diary

DATE	EVENT	WHERE
14th January	PTFA Meeting	KS1 Staff Room 7pm - all welcome
4 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Meeting	KS1 Staff Room 7pm – all welcome
13th - 19th March	Book Fair	KS2 Hall
14th March	Bag2School	Drop off points TBC
26th March	Pamper & Shopping Night	KS1 Hall
March: Date TBC	Yellow Moon Catalogue	
March: Date TBC	Disney On Ice – Worlds of Fantasy	
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Family Bingo	KS1 Hall
11th April	Easter Egg Hunt	School Field (weather permitting)

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## Pamper & Shopping Night – 26th March 2014

We already have a number of stall holders booked for our Pamper & Shopping Night on 26th March, including Reflexology, Avon, Spray Tans, The Body Shop, Beauty Fix Salon, Phoenix Cards, traditional sweets and fashion items including Handbags, Jewellery and scarves.

There is still space for more stalls so if you sell products which could be suitable or offer health and beauty treatments we would love to hear from you. The cost of a table is £10 with a raffle prize donation or £15 without a prize. If you are interested in taking a stall, please collect a booking form from the school office or download one from the PTFA section of the school website.



Look out for a PTFA letter in the New Year as we will be sending out information on how to book your tickets and how to pre book treatments.....watch this space!

## New Events to look out for

We are planning to organise a trip to see **Disney on Ice : Worlds of Fantasy** at the NIA in March next year and are also planning a **Film Night** for KS2 children. More information to follow!

## How Can You Help?

Do you shop online? If so, why not register with [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and raise funds by shopping on line without it costing you a penny! Just choose our cause - Five Ways Primary School - Cannock, and access the site you want to buy from via easy fundraising. It's really simple to use and each time you make a purchase you'll earn cashback for our fundraising target.

As always any help with any of our events is very welcome. We are a small group of volunteers and if you have any spare time and would be interested in getting involved, please email us at [ptfa.secretary@googlemail.com](mailto:ptfa.secretary@googlemail.com)



**Once again, thank you to all parents, teachers, friends, carers for your help and donations throughout the year, and on behalf of the PTFA I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**



Helen Pursehouse  
Chairperson

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