



Five Ways School

PTFA

Working for our school, our children

PTFA NEWSLETTER

Meetings that took place last half term

A meeting was held on March 12th when topics discussed were:

Presentation of £9,000 from the PTFA to the school (an article on this appeared in the Express & Star). **Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Chocolate Bingo arrangements; feedback from events; volunteer requests for future events.**

Minutes of the meeting are available on the PTFA pages of the school website.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 25th at 7pm in the KS1 staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fundraising events that took place last half term

Disney On Ice: A sell-out event. Families who attended said they thoroughly enjoyed it, had great seats and felt it was run smoothly. Thanks to Sarah Parton, the PTFA volunteer who organised the event and many thanks to everyone who took part. Another Disney trip is likely to be organised in the next school year. Watch this space!

Self-Portrait Shopper Bags: We hope you were pleased with the bags the children came home with. Thank you for supporting this project which raised **£190!**

Book Fayre: Thanks to everyone who supported this event once again. Each book sold earns commission for the school to buy extra books for classrooms and libraries. This year, we have been able to donate around **£800** to the school in commission.

Easter Egg Hunt: Not to be beaten by the weather, the Egg Hunt was held in the KS1 hall. Although there was a bit of a queue, everyone was able to join in.

Easter Bingo: Another sell-out event! Although this had to be rearranged because of the snow, most families were able to join us on the last day of term and all said they had a fantastic night. They played six games of bingo followed by a final 'flyer' game to win the Grand Chocolate Hamper. There were some spot prizes, a colouring competition and Easter word search, Guess the Name of the Teddy (Fergus) and a raffle. There was even a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny who handed out eggs for all the children.

Thank you to all the parents who donated items of Easter-themed chocolate or made a monetary donation on non-uniform day which enabled us to make up some wonderful prize hampers.

And a huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported the event. We raised in the region of **£400** which will benefit all our children. A fantastic result!

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Diary Dates!

Plant sale

April 19th

Family Quiz Night

May 10th

Superhero

Summer Fayre

June 22nd

End of year discos

July 18th

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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

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Some quotes from families who attended the Easter Bingo. . .
"We missed out on the Christmas Bingo but I'm so glad we got to come to this one, we had a great night!"
"Lovely idea all the children getting an Easter Egg."
"A fantastic evening."



PTFA Website and Noticeboard

Don't forget, all the latest news, information, photos of past events, and details of forthcoming ones are all listed on the PTFA noticeboard near the entrance to the school office and on the PTFA section of the school website: www.fiveways.staffs.sch.uk

Next Half Term - PTFA Dates for your Diary

DATE	EVENT	WHERE
April 19th	Plant sale	Details to follow
May 10th	Family Quiz Night	The Cons, Heath Hayes
June 22nd	Summer Fayre, superhero theme	School field
July 18th	End of year discos	Details to follow

Next event

Our next big event is our first ever **FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT**. We are holding the quiz at The Constitutional Club (The Cons) in Heath Hayes. This is to be a fun-packed family evening with a range of questions for children and adults. More details will follow. Why not make it a wider family event and invite aunts, uncles, grandparents etc?

Uniform orders

The last date for ordering uniforms to guarantee you have it before we break up for the summer holidays is July 5th. Order forms can be found in the school office or on the PTFA pages of the school website.

How Can You Help?

If you have a little time to spare, we would love to hear from you. Give as much or as little time as you can. It's really rewarding and the children love to see mum or dad involved. Dads and grandparents – we need you too! If you can't spare the time, please come along and support our events, **it all helps your school and your children**. Don't forget you can raise money by logging onto the easyfundraising website www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Raffle prizes are always welcome. If you or your employer are able to donate one, please let us know.

If you work for a large organisation, have a look at their community work policy. We may be able to gain raffle prizes or raise money through match-funding. Some organisations also allow staff to have paid time off for charity work, which includes helping the PTFA.

If you can help, or would like any more information, please email ptfa.secretary@googlemail.com, call into the school office or catch up with one of our members, including Nell Pursehouse (chairperson); Helen Phillips (vice chair); Angela Madge (secretary); Scott Saunders (treasurer) and Sarah Sprason (uniform co-ordinator).

Helen Pursehouse

Chairperson



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