

St. Joseph's PTA

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September Newsletter

Welcome Back:

Welcome back to all parents and a warm welcome to new parents of reception children. We trust all had an enjoyable summer! The PTA will continue to be busy this year in organising new events for both children and parents. We shall be looking to recruit some new members this year and a letter will follow shortly in this regard—explaining the role of the PTA within the school and offering all parents the opportunity to join us at the next PTA meeting (wine & nibbles will be available)!! Remember, the PTA is inclusive not exclusive and all funds raised benefit both the school and your children! Keep your eyes open for further information.

Summer Fete:

This year's summer fete proved to be another great success with the PTA raising a grand total of £3,682 for the school. The pony rides proved to be popular and the gardening club has the added bonus of having extra manure for their flowers! A big thank you to all the volunteers who help make this event so special—you know who you are!

Quiz Night:

The Quiz Night held in May raised £500. A most enjoyable evening was had by all. Congratulations to the winning team and a big thank you to Wendy Rose for organising the evening and to our compère for the night, Peter Walton.

School Disco:

The disco held in June was a great event with all the children thoroughly enjoying the music and lots of great dancing going on. £486 was made from this event and the committee would like to thank Mark Bradley (the PTA's preferred choice of DJ!) for giving his time and effort for free once again. There will be another children's disco (for both infants & juniors) in November—put the date in your diary. Further information will follow.

Pantomime:

Julie Beard once again secured seats at this year's Pantomime, Peter Pan at the Orchard Theatre in Dartford which will be on 12th December. All 220 tickets sold out very quickly raising a whopping £1,143!! Due to the huge demand we will endeavour to get more tickets for next year but please remember to book early! The PTA would like to thank Julie for all her hard work in organising this event.

Church Bazaar:

The church will be holding its bazaar on Saturday 29th November and the PTA will be running a candy floss stall in support of this event. Please make every effort to attend—lots of fun things for the children going on!

Spending.....

The PTA made a recent donation of £3,800 to the school which enabled them to purchase further equipment for the IT suit and will be donating a further £2,000 to be spent on storage bins for the junior playground and high tec CD players.

Diary Dates:

AGM & PTA Meeting:

23rd Oct

School Disco:

21st Nov

Wine Tasting Evening:

Date tba

Pantomime:

12th December

St. Mary of the Cray

Christmas Bazaar:

29th November