

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 AGM meeting. All funds raised benefit **your** children so do try to get involved. Keep your eyes open for further information.

Summer Fete:

This year's 'Emergency Themed' Summer Fete proved to be another great success with the PTA raising a grand total of £3,500 for the school! The feedback has been great and photos of the event can be viewed on the school's website. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event such a success. A special thank you to Mark

Quiz Night:

The Quiz Night held in April raised £170. A most enjoyable evening was had by all and congratulations to the winning team. Thanks to our compère for the night, John Smedley, who provided the entertainment! We would point out that tables can be booked for family & friends and is not limited to parents at school.

School Disco:

The school disco held in June made a profit of £470 and thanks again to parent helpers. Photo's can be viewed on the school website. There will be another children's disco (for both infants & juniors) in November. Further information will follow.

Pantomime:

Julie Beard has once again secured seats at this year's Pantomime, Dick Whittington (starring Shane Richie) at the Orchard Theatre in Dartford which will be held on 17th December raising a whopping £1,000 profit!! There are a small number of tickets still available therefore please e-mail me at the above address should you require tickets (£17 pp normally retails at £31).

Church Bazaar:

The church will be holding its Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 28th 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!

Ice Lolly Fridays:

Many thanks to Susie Spinks for her inspired idea of 'Ice Lolly Fridays'. This was very popular with the children (and the teachers!) in this summer months and helped raise £318 for the school. The selling of ice lolly's will resume next summer.

Spending.....

The PTA donated £1,000 towards new reading books, £300 spent on lunchtime equipment, £1,137 towards new picnic benches, £1,174 for a new storage shed and £441 spent on portable stereos. After donating £140 towards nativity costumes last year, the committee hopes to make a further donation this year—after all, you can never have enough angels!!

Diary Dates:

PTA Meeting:

22nd Sept

AGM Meeting:

Oct (date to be confirmed)

School Disco:

Nov (date to be confirmed)

Pantomime:

17th December

St. Mary of the Cray-

Christmas Bazaar:

28th November