



PTA NEWS

January 2013

Dear Parents, Carers & Children

A belated Happy New Year to all of you. We hope you've enjoyed the snow this week! The PTA have been busy planning this term's events & fundraising initiatives, which we'd like to tell you about. But before we do, here's an update on fundraising from last term:

School Fund Donations to this year's school fund totalled £1,316.00. Thank you to each and every family who made a contribution. Your generosity at the start of the academic year ensures we are able to meet as many of the school's new requests for additional equipment or supplies they may need: this ranges from achievement rewards/prizes for the children, to science & sports equipment. We've already purchased a super-doooper electric pump for the various footballs!

Bag2School The clothing collection raised an impressive £290.00! Thank you to everyone who bought in a bag. There'll be another collection this term, so please start gathering any unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding, curtains or other household textiles.

Quiz Night The pub quiz at the Newbold Comyn Arms was well attended with 47 tickets sold. Mr Farrell devised and hosted a fabulous and thoroughly planned quiz (plus sweepstake, which attracted an additional £33 in entries). The total raised was £150.50; the prizes & sweepstake winnings cost £42.46, leaving a profit of £108.04. Thank you once again to Mr Farrell and everyone who attended.

Infants' & Junior's Disco The disco raised £539.50 (gross). Thank you to all who came along. We hope you enjoyed the dancing, sweets and glowsticks!

Christmas Fair The fair raised a gross profit of £1832.44. Considering so many of you were unwell and off school towards the end of term, this was a great result. Thank you to everyone who came, we hope the stalls, food, raffle & Santa's Grotto went down well! Special thanks to all those who helped set up and run the stalls. You were absolutely fantastic and we couldn't have done it without you.

Lantern Parade The parade & cake sale the following day raised over £290 (gross). We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who baked & donated cakes, to those that helped man the stall or sell glowsticks in sub-zero conditions, we appreciate your dedication hugely!

So what's on this term? **Turn over the page to find out...**

1st Feb (Friday) The **2nd Hand Uniform Sale** will now take place next Friday (a week today). A **Tuck Shop & healthy snacks** will be available to buy also. In addition to 2nd hand uniform, new uniform in various sizes will be on display and you can place an order too, if you'd like!

13th Feb (Weds) Grab your sleeping bag or pillow as **Movie Night** is coming to St Paul's! Offering a choice of 2 separate films, one for Infants, one for Juniors, screened in the Studio & Hall respectively. Grab your popcorn, snuggle down and enjoy the film!

28th Feb (Thurs) Hot on the heels of the last quiz comes another fun-packed evening of brain-teasers and testers. The **PTA Quiz Night** is returning to the Newbold Comyn Arms, featuring our new Quizmaster, Mr Hawkins. Teams of up to 6, £2.50 per player. Quiz starts at 8pm.

14th March (Thurs) **Non-uniform Day** & please bring in an easter egg donation for the tombola.

20th March (Weds) **Easter Egg Tombola** in the Hall from 3.20pm.

* STOP PRESS. DONATION ALERT *

Do you have a small digital camera at home which you've replaced with a more up-to-date model and no longer use? If so, the school would love to have it, with the appropriate cables and/or docks please! We're trying to allocate one camera to each class.

Remember, the PTA have a Facebook page (Group name 'St Paul's PTA'). Please search for it and join it. The PTA section on the school website will hopefully be up and running soon!

Coming up next term...

More social events, more fundraising, Summer Fair planning – it'll be here before you know it!