



PTA NEWSLETTER September 2007

WELCOME!

Welcome back to everyone after the rather cloudy summer holidays and a big welcome to all our new parents – we hope that both you and your children are settling in well.

THE PTA

Thanks to the PTA the school was able to acquire 9 new laptop computers and a new server over the summer holidays. Thank you everyone for making this possible. We would also like to thank all the local businesses that have supported us, particularly the Haywagon Inn. A full list of supporters will be sent out in the next couple of months.

This years project will be to assist with the refurbishment of the Foundation Stage as the flagship area for the school. This will include the playground area outside Maple, the classroom and equipment. This is in addition to our ongoing commitment to subsidise school trips.

PTA SECRETARY

Sue will be standing down as Secretary in December to spend some time travelling Europe. This is a really exciting opportunity for her and her family and we wish them all the very best. Thank you Sue for all your hard work and support over the last few years. Jan Napper has kindly volunteered to fill this position.

FIREWORKS EVENING – 2ND NOV

The next big fundraising event is the annual Fireworks Evening will be held on Friday 2nd November at Perryhill Orchard.

There will be live music. Food and drink will be available on the night.

The display, as always, will be spectacular. This is a great evening out and good value too – not to be missed!

We can't thank Jane & John Smith enough for yet again agreeing to hosting this event. Gates will open at 6.30pm. Tickets will be on sale shortly from the school and Perryhill Orchard - please buy early and benefit from cheaper prices.

If you are able to offer any help, then please let Liz Mahon know. She can be contact on 01892 770543 or liz.mahon1@btinternet.com.

NON-UNIFORM DAY – 2ND NOV

There will be a non-uniform day on the 2nd November. Donate a bottle (wine, spirits, oil, vinegar, cold drink) in aid of the Xmas Bazaar – yes, sorry to mention it so early! Please note the new date for the bazaar.

Dates for your diaries:

16th Oct Lilac Cake Sale
2nd Nov Fireworks eve
2nd Nov Non Uniform Day
13th Nov PTA meeting
8th Dec Christmas Bazaar
11th Dec Beech Cake Sale
5th Feb Oak Cake Sale
14th Mar Pamper eve
18th Mar Cherry Cake Sale
29th Apr Maple Cake Sale
May/June Wine tasting eve

CAKE SALES

The Cake Sales have proved a great way of raising money. All the children are involved and (some) will get a chance to do some baking at home.

Cakes must be bought in on the Friday morning to the activity room, on paper plates or a named container.

Children may bring in 50p maximum, but don't forget to bring your purse/wallet too! Dates of the next cake sales are in the "Dates for your Diary" section.

SAINSBURY'S/TESCO'S/NESTLE/ PERSIL VOUCHERS AND PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Over the course of the year the school office collects Sainsbury, Tesco, Persil, Nestle and any other tokens offered by companies that can benefit the school. We also collect old mobile phones and used ink/toner cartridges

It really does make a difference so please collect as many tokens, cartridges and phones as you can. Don't forget to your relatives and friends too!

ST MARY'S WEBSHOP

This is a reminder to please use our own web shop. Shopping on-line could not be easier. Go onto our site then follow the link to the retailer of your choice, shop as normal and we will get up to 15% of what you spend.

You will be truly surprised at the number of shops that are available here, and you will be able to help without any effort on your part.

We will also be looking to collect parents e-mail addresses, so that we can send you reminders on the great offers that are available.

Shop for less and support

St Mary's PTA



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YELLOW MOON

You have now received your "Yellow Moon" catalogue. This is great for buying stocking fillers (and a lot easier than traipsing around the shops with hundreds of other harassed parents!) so please do use it and in doing so you will raise funds for the school the simple way! Just quote the reference number on the back.

PAPER FREE WORLD

In the future we want to look at sending some of our newsletters and reminders by email, saving on the cost to the school and the environment. We would like to pilot this, in this coming school year, sending a paper version as well to see how we get on. I or another member of the PTA Committee will be collecting email addresses from you at the Parent Consultations on 15th October. For the first year we will run both systems together, so you will receive one of each, then at the end of the year we will conversing your opinion.

Kind Regards,
Karen Follows
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