



Welcome to our PTA Autumn 2016 Newsletter!



Next PTA Meeting

Our next meeting is at 6.30 pm on **Tuesday 8th November** at the Maudslay Pub. All Welcome!

(AED) Defibrillator

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the purchase of a defibrillator, whether through Dress Up Day participation or additional donations. We hope to reach our target soon and will keep you updated on our progress. Thank you again to the Coventry Building Society and the Nolan Family for their generous donations

Christmas Gifts

Following the success of last year's Gift Service, we are again offering children the chance to purchase their own gifts for parents this Christmas. The PTA will be in school on **Friday 2nd December** with a selection of gifts for mums, dads and grandparents. Children are asked to bring in £2.50 for each gift they wish to purchase. Presents will then be wrapped & stored safely until children bring them home in the last week of term.

Welcome Back!

We would like to welcome back all our families and hope you all had an enjoyable summer. Welcome too, to our new families joining us with their new Reception and Nursery children. Following on from the AED Appeal, the next item on our fundraising agenda this year, is assisting school with the purchase of new projectors throughout the school and so our immediate focus is to help finance this project and get these purchased and installed for our children to use as soon as possible! If you want to find out more about what we do and why we do it, please join us at the Maudslay at our next meeting 6.30 pm on **Tuesday 8th November**.



Don't forget to follow us on twitter; @PTA_AllSouls



And like us on Facebook; All Souls PTA Page

[The PTA Group on Facebook is only for parents/carers of children in All Souls' School. Please private message All Souls PTA person to confirm which class your child is in so that we can add you. Thank you!](#)

Christmas Bazaar!

This year's Bazaar will take place on **Saturday 26th November** in the school hall from **12 pm - 2 pm**. **Would you or your business be interested in having a stall at the event? If so, please contact the school office with your details by Friday 4th November.** As always we rely on the generosity of parents to make the event a success. Initially we ask you to consider whether you have any prizes which you could donate to our raffle, or do you or anyone you know have a business which would be prepared to donate raffle prizes in exchange for a mention in our newsletter, Facebook page and Twitter feed? Could you spare an hour to help on a stall? Please let us know if you can help us with any of the above! Every year we ask parents to kindly donate items for us to sell and use as raffle prizes. This year the timetable for donations is as follows:
w/c Monday 7th November - Chocolate Stall Donations (bars, boxes, selection packs etc.)
w/c Monday 14th November - Good Condition Toys & unwanted gifts and Raffle prize donations
Friday 25th November - Non-uniform - Bring a Bottle Day!
Further details will follow in the school newsletter after half term.

Lego Resources Thank You!

Following our recent appeal on Facebook for donations of unwanted Lego to help children develop problem solving skills, one former All Souls parent kindly sent us a voucher to help us purchase more new Lego packs. Thank you very much Mrs Greenway, it really is very much appreciated. We would still be grateful for any unwanted Lego from other parents too! Thank you.





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now**

Use Easy Fundraising for your Christmas Shopping - Please, please, please sign up to this!

So far we have raised over £992, with 48 of us doing it! Just think what we could achieve if a few more people signed up! Full details are on the school website, but it only takes a couple of minutes to set up and if you activate the donation reminder, you just need one click before you start shopping! It's as easy as that! It works with most online retailers, amazon, ebay, grocery shopping & holidays too and doesn't cost you a penny more! <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> **All Souls Catholic Primary School.**

Why are school always asking us for money?

- Our school is a Catholic school and is therefore not funded as generously as other Government and Local Authority supported schools. We have to raise 10% of the cost towards any building, repairs, maintenance and refurbishment work before the work can be agreed and the balance funded. This is where the **School Building Fund** comes in and parents are asked to contribute £10 per child or £15 per family - per term. As well as funding the ongoing (and often unseen) maintenance etc. this fund has recently helped to re-carpet throughout the school.
- Most schools have a **PTA**. Not only is it a good way of increasing communication between parents and teachers, but it helps to provide additional financial support by way of fundraising. In the last year money raised by the PTA (and that means you!) has funded the development of the new Learning Hub, tables, chairs, crucifixes, theatre performances, dictionaries, storage sheds and various other resources. We try to do most of our fundraising in a way that means you or the children get something back - Christmas gifts, cinema nights, coffee mornings, nights out etc.
- As a Catholic school we are also encouraged to raise money for **charities** and **good causes**, particularly as part of our Lenten observance when we support CAFOD; <http://www.cafod.org.uk/>
- In addition, we have a number of other charities and good causes close to our hearts, including **Myton Hospice**; <http://www.mytonhospice.org/> and Coventry Cyrenians <http://www.coventrycyrenians.co.uk/>
- Many of the other fundraising ideas (including the **cake sales!**) are brought to us by the children themselves and naturally the school wants to nurture this caring and altruistic attitude. However, we do recognise that combined with all the above it can seem like a lot of demands on your finances.

I don't have any spare time or any spare money, can I still help?

Absolutely! We are always grateful for support!

- Sign up to Easy Fundraising <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> **All Souls Catholic Primary School.**
- Use our **Textile Recycling Bin** - the big blue one in the corner of the car park! <http://www.uktextilerecycling.co.uk/> School receives commission per tonne for all the clothes, shoes and bedding etc. donated. Textiles are either reused or recycled, so even the most worn and torn items can be of use! And it helps you get rid of clutter!
- Recycle your old batteries. A box is in the main reception area.
- Old toys, books, DVDs **in good condition?** Let school have a sort through before the charity shop!
- Use Scholastic website when buying books <http://www.scholastic.co.uk/> and earn free books for school.
- Do you or anyone you know have a business which would be prepared to donate raffle or auction prizes in exchange for a mention in our newsletter? Can you make things? Bake things? Create things? Do you have any ideas you'd like to share?

Thank you for taking time to read this newsletter and we look forward to hearing from you!