



PTA Newsletter

Spring Term 2016



Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to all those who helped to support our Christmas Bazaar! We had a fantastic turnout and managed to raise just over £2000 for PTA funds. A special thank you to all the parents and staff who gave up their time to help run stalls and provide refreshments, to everyone who bought quizzes and raffle tickets and to those who came along to support us. Thank you too, to our wonderful choir for providing the entertainment and to everyone who donated prizes, gifts, socks, bric-a-brack, cakes & bottles etc. **We really couldn't do it without you!** Finally, a big thank you to all the local businesses who donated prizes, including The Maudslay, Studio Megastar, Macdonald Hotels, The Festival, Skud Clothing, Wilkinson Read & Partners, The Tanning Co, The Four Provinces, Sainsbury's, Coventry Blaze, The Albany Theatre, Tenpin Bowling, Jam Jam Boomerang, The Belgrade, Aspect Gravel, John Taylor's, Lickety Lick, The Utility Team, Premier Boarding Kennels, St Finbarrs, Jokers Corner and Elite Therapy. Thank you all.

Thank You to the [Utility Team](#) for their donation of a new Projector for the Learning Hub. They are one of the local businesses who support school with donations of equipment and prizes. Please contact us if your business would be interested in supporting us in a similar way.

Cinema Night Y2-6

Our next cinema night will take place on **Friday 26th February**. Please return your forms by **Thursday 25th February**. Letters went home this week.



Mother's Day Gifts

Our Mother's Day Gifts Ordering Day will take place on **Friday 26th February**. Children can choose their presents during school time and gifts will be distributed on **Friday 4th March**.

St Patrick's Day Coffee Morning

School will be hosting their annual St Patrick's Day Coffee Morning on **Thursday 17th March**. Tea, coffee & cakes will be included in the £2.50 entrance fee. We would be grateful for any donations of raffle & Auction prizes. Children will also be asked to wear green non uniform on the day and bring in cakes rather than £1. We look forward to seeing you there!



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 of children in All Souls' School. If you are not known to the group administrators, it may take a little time for us to confirm that you are a parent. Please bear with us!

Future plans

Coming up after Easter we will be holding a St George's Day Celebration on **Friday 22nd April** and the Summer Sponsored Bounce on **Friday 17th June**. There will also be another Cinema Night during the summer term and depending on the weather we hope to start selling ice lollies after school on Fridays after the Easter Holidays.



Use Easy Fundraising for your Holiday Bookings!

Please, please, please sign up to this!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up recently - we now have 37 supporters and so far we have raised over £484. Holiday donations are currently increased and many well-known companies are involved.

Two supporters have also bought car insurance through the Easy-fundraising website and raised donations of £30 each! 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!

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> All Souls Catholic Primary School

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All aboard for big donations



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Spending Review

Last term was a very busy one for the PTA and for those who took part in our fundraising efforts. Between the Christmas Bazaar, Christmas Gift Ordering Service, Christmas Cards, Easy Fundraising payments to October and the Autumn Cinema Night, we raised just under £2800. It was also an expensive time - with us spending just over £1500 on a variety of items, including carpeting for the Learning Hub, recorders, balance bikes, a storage shed for equipment, costumes for the Christmas plays, repairing bibles and rugby tags! Phew!

Our main focus is currently the refurbishment and development of the library/Learning Hub. However, we are also continuing to fundraise for other up and coming projects. Why not join us at one of our meetings? We would particularly like to see parents of children in Y6 and Y4 as these years are currently under represented by the existing PTA members. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 23rd February**, 6.30pm at the Maudslay.

Other Ways to Help

- Collect the Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsbury's and donate them to 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. Depending on their condition the 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.
- Do you have any out grown uniform in good condition? This can be donated back to school for other children to use.
- Any old toys, books, dvds **in good condition?** Let school have a sort through before giving them to the charity shop!
- Use Scholastic website when buying books <http://www.scholastic.co.uk/> 'Spend £10 or more with us and we'll give 20% of your order value back to your school in Scholastic Rewards to spend on books and resources.'
- 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? Do you have a hidden or not so hidden talent we could benefit from? 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!