

PTA Newsletter 2017/18

Firstly, I'd like to say a BIG thank you for your continued support of the PTA. Without your contribution, time and effort the PTA would not be able to achieve so much - especially when you think about how small our school is! As we begin another academic year, I thought it would be useful to let you know what the PTA accomplished in 2016/17 and some of the forthcoming events for this year. It's been busy but together we've organised and achieved some remarkable things!

So, thanks again for bringing a bottle, buying a raffle ticket and coming along to all the events and helping out! Your efforts are gratefully appreciated.

Below are some of the highlights of how the PTA has funded events in 2016 / 17.

Kim Ellis
PTA Chair and mum of a Year 3 child.

The **Winter term 2016** saw the arrival of a table tennis table. The PTA was also able to cover the cost of Puzzle day, travel to the Peter Pan Pantomime, the ribbons for the Swimming Gala, and the little school Christmas Party during this term and of course **Fireworks Night!** This year we are pleased to introduce Platinum Fireworks. They will be providing the display in place of Nick Chase's Knights of Fire who, after years of loyalty and sensational displays, will no longer be operating.

Although we only cover the cost of this event through ticket sales it is always well attended and we all love it!

Christmas Fair 2016

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas fair and also to the class reps for their amazing efforts. Thanks to all of you it was our most successful Christmas fair ever!

Summer Fair 2017

Finally, the sun shone on St David's Close and we were able to raise over £4,000! We would welcome suggestions from parents and children as to what might be a good use of PTA funds. We hope that your little acorns have positive experiences that help them to grow into mighty oaks! please email office@stdavidscollege.com or use the comments box in reception.

PTA Quiz Night

The PTA quiz night was, as always, a fun evening and a great way for parents to reinforce existing friendships and meet new parents. It also helped Mr. Hunter raise money towards his London Marathon charity. Thanks as ever to Mr Foulger who always delivers a challenging quiz!

Spring and Summer Term 2017

The Bug man came to see us and so did the author Annabel Claridge to engage and get our children's mind whirling. We also had the Prep School Disco and our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The ducklings also made a return appearance. All things the PTA are able to do because of your help and support.

What we spent the money on so far.....

We've bought table tennis tables, sound equipment for the hall, weather proof outfits for Forest School, play equipment for Pre-Prep along with many pastoral experiences and outings for the children as mentioned already.

Any Suggestions?

If you have any suggestions/ideas about how we spend the money raised so from last year, please let us know.

Ask your children, have a think about what pastoral experiences you'd like them to experience and we'll try and accommodate it (within reason!) please email office@stdavidscollege.com with your ideas.

Your PTA needs you!

We are in desperate need for more volunteers to join the PTA committee. We are all parents and understand the constraints of family life and work so you will never be expected to take on more than you can manage.

If you would like to play a role in shaping the pastoral care of your children, please do come forward and become more involved. We would really welcome any help and fresh new ideas! Please email

office@saintdavidscollege.com

Fund Matching - Are you eligible?

We have been lucky enough that some of our parents have been able to receive 'fund matching' from their employers. (A big thanks to HSBC and Deutsche Bank). If you or anyone you know works for a large corporation that has a social responsibility programme or any other company that provides charitable support by offering match funding, we would love to hear from you. PTA is registered charity and maximizes our ability to raise money - and the more we raise....

Dates for your diary for the next PTA events!

11th November - Fireworks Night
(tickets on sale in the school office soon)

2nd December - Christmas Fair

24th Feb 2018 - Quiz Night

26th March 2018 - Easter Egg Hunt

Pre-Pep will also be going to see the Gruffalo and Prep will be off to see Cinderella at Christmas.

These extra pastoral activities make our school special. They make us proud to be part of the community of St David's and the family feel that it promotes.