



PTA NEWSLETTER

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2017, WHERE DID IT GO?

So, here we are in 2018, how did that come around so quickly! Let's take a little look back at what happened between Sept and Dec.

OCT
DISCO

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START OF
CAKE
FRIDAYS

NOV/DEC
CARDS/MUGS

DEC
WREATH
MAKING

DEC
CHRISTMAS
FAIR

HELLO 2018

What's in store for 2018? The answer isLOTS! As we have said before, the more we organise, the more likely we are to find something that appeals to all of you! This is what you can expect from 2018:

BOOK CHALLENGE

We have teamed up with Usbourne books and will be running a reading challenge over February half term.

Can you build a fort and read inside? Can you draw the main character from the story you have just read? Can you read a shopping list? These are just some of the challenges. Letters will be sent home with all the details, this is a sponsored event and the more money the children make the more books we receive. We really hope to make £700 as Usbourne will then give us another £360 in free books.

2 FAT LADIES, 88



As usual, School staff are being asked to donate an Easter egg to raffle off. We are also asking that the children bring in some chocolate. The chocolate will be combined into hampers which will be the prizes at our Family Bingo night on the 23rd March. There will be a dress down day on the 9th March in lieu of the chocolate donation.

BAG A BARGAIN

On the 29th April we will be hosting a car boot sale. Cars will only be allowed on the top playground, £10 a pitch. The bottom playground will be a table top sale at £8 a table.

SELFIE TIME

Well sort of! In May, each of the children will be given the opportunity to draw a self-portrait. All the drawings will be transferred onto a tea towel or a cotton bag, each tea towel/bag will include the pictures of all the children in the class. The tea towels/ bags will then be available to order with all of the proceeds going towards the PTA

D.I.S.C.O

What do you get if you cross Glastonbury with Highschool Musical. Obviously, a Festival themed school Disco!! On the 18th May there will be a KS1 and KS2 disco, Reception children are very welcome so year 3 will be included in the later disco. Entry will be by ticket only, once they go on sale get them quick as we sold out of KS1 in Oct.

BARGAIN HUNTING PART 2

On the 29th of Sept we will be holding a nearly new sale of Children and baby's clothes, toys, accessories. It will be a table top sale in the hall, tables will cost £10.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb HT – Sponsored reading challenge

9th March – Dress down for Chocolate donation

23rd March – Family Bingo

29th April – Car boot sale

18th May – Festival disco

30th June – THE BIG ONE, SUMMER FAIR

29th Sept – Nearly new sale

QUIZ NIGHT

Adults only quiz night, date to be confirmed.

THE BIG ONE!!!

Dud dud a dah (Imagine trumpets!!) Yes, it's finally time to talk about the biggest event in the PTA calendar. THE SUMMER FAIR! The last Sumer fair was fantastic, the weather was amazing, there were lots of people and we raised a huge amount of money. We hope to continue that success and plans have already started to ensure that not only does everyone have a great day, but we raise a huge amount of money, after all, that's why we do what we do. A big thank you again, to all you volunteers who turn up in force to support all of our events, it would be impossible without you. More information will be sent out during the next few months, but the 30th June is not to be missed.

SHOW ME THE MONEY

Jack, our new treasurer has been busy behind the scenes to find new ways to take payment. We want to make life easier for you and for ourselves by introducing a card reader. This means you will be able to pay by card in the playground, you will no longer have to worry about cash. We are also almost ready to go live with Paypal, we can issue you with an invoice to pay and it will also mean our outside vendors can pay with ease.

SO, WHAT'S THE POINT?

Why are we doing all of this? Well, firstly, we want to provide some good family fun but more importantly we do it to raise much needed funds for the school our children attend. The focus of our fund raising is to provide the school with as many tablets for use in class as possible. We all know that technology brings a wealth of educational benefits, but the school budget only goes so far. This year our fund raising is even more important as Sainsbury has changed its active kids vouchers. These vouchers have traditionally been used to replace PE equipment such as worn out basket balls, hockey sticks, and other small kit. The need for these items is still there and the funds must come from somewhere.

WHAT CAN YOU DO???

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We are a small PTA with lots going on, so we need your support. There are plenty of things you can do to help:

- Volunteer! It is tough trying to find time to volunteer with work, Children, Gym, Hobbies etc but even if you can only offer an hour at home, you can help. Try and encourage a friend to volunteer with you.
- Help your Child receive book challenge sponsorship
- Bring in Chocolate for the Easter Bingo
- Join our Facebook Group
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1907535132791525/>
- Leave a review on our Summer Fair Page, we can direct potential sponsors to this page, so they can see what we do:
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Margarets-Ifield-Summer-Fair-139013083310792/>
- Keep using easyfundraising, we have raised approx. £100, every penny counts!

FUND MATCHING

We are keen to hear from anyone who works for a company that offers Fund Matching. Fund Matching is extra more for very little extra effort. Here are some companies that have a fund matching policy:

- Gatwick Airport
- Tesco
- Argos
- Most of the banks
- Ford
- Asda
- BAA
- KPMG
- Thames Water

The full list can be found online or speak to your HR department.

A VERY BIG ASK.....

As mentioned, we have started our summer fair planning. As well as volunteers we are also looking for support in other areas.

Sponsorship

Do you know someone who would like to sponsor part of the summer fair?

We will advertise your business on Parent mail, on Facebook and on our 2000 leaflet drop.

Prizes

Could you donate a prize? Could you offer a free manicure, hair cut or boiler service? Could you offer your ironing services or do you have an experience voucher you won't use. Could you donate a meal for 2 or offer a tour of an interesting place? All ideas welcome.

Mystery Jars and Tombola's

This year we would like KS1 to bring in items for the Tombola, more details will follow.

KS2 we are asking for mystery Jars. Fill a jam jar with small items, it can be anything from bouncy balls, small toys, football cards, hair accessories etc.

If you have any questions or can help with any of the above please find us in the playground, drop a message via the Facebook Group or send an email to St.Margs.Primary.PTA@gmail.com.