



Welcome to the October newsletter. The latest activities have been a great success, most recently with 130 children enjoying 'Pirates in Adventures with Scientists' at Film Night on Friday afternoon. The event raised £390! Plants ordered through the CD Bell scheme raised £28 in commission which has been spent on plants for the school. 184 free books have been given to the school with commission from parent's orders. We still have over £250 to spend on the next round.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to these latest fundraising activities.

Dates for your diary

There's already plenty planned for the coming months, please put these dates in your diary and letters will follow with more information ...

Movie night - Arthur Christmas

Friday 23rd November

Pamper Night

Date tbc in early 2013

Quiz Night

Friday 8th March

Inflatable Day

Friday 28th June

The Circus will return in October 2014 – details nearer the time.

Thanks to everyone who attended the AGM. The following people were appointed:-

Chair Angela Wells (Orange)
Deputy Viv Lawler (Orange/Willow)

Secretary Miriam Faulkner (Willow)
Deputy Hilary See (Beech/Maple)

Treasurer Lucy Ford (Orange)
Deputy Jo Hennessy (Beech)

Press Officer Karen Brooks (Green/Rowan)
Deputy Helen Kantas (Blue)

If you have any questions, ideas or would like more information about the PTA, any of the parents above or Miss Corderoy will be happy to help. The next meeting is 15th November at 7pm at the school.

Fundraising update

Over the last 12 months, PTA events and activities have raised over £11,000. This was done with your support through the Circus, Film nights, Inflatable Day, CD Bell plant sales, Bags 2 School and Adventure Island wristband sales.

2012 was a busy year, and these funds enabled the PTA to make various purchases to benefit children at the school; the most substantial purchase being the Paralympics tickets - a once in a lifetime trip for the whole school. Commemorative Golden Jubilee coins were also given to each child. Each class received £200 to spend on items of their choice, and these included role play area furniture, book corner seating, specialist art and listening skills equipment.

The full treasurer's report with income and expenditure will be available on the school website.

We will soon begin collecting old mobile phones, used ink cartridges and batteries to recycle for PTA funds. Collection boxes in school reception.

Easy Fundraising

The PTA has signed up to a scheme called Easy Fundraising, which is a really simple way of raising funds whilst online shopping. By accessing sites like Debenhams, John Lewis, Argos and Amazon through Easy Fundraising, cash back is paid to the PTA.

All you need to do is go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Once you've registered, each time you shop the donation is credited to the PTA. There are over 2,000 well-known stores participating and each donate up to 15% of what you spend. John Lewis donate 1%, Amazon 2.5% and The Body Shop 6%. There are also insurance retailers who will donate up to £30 just for taking out a policy.

With Christmas approaching, please think about any purchases you are making and where possible, make them through Easy Fundraising so we can get off to a flying start.

Second-hand Uniform Sale

All labelled uniform from lost property is now being returned to it's owner. Any good quality un-named uniform is now for sale - if you wish to buy any items, please speak to Lucy Ford. Items will be on display at Wednesday cafes from January.