



# PTA NEWSLETTER May 2017

The Spring term was another busy one for the PTA, starting with the ever popular quiz in January and culminating in a record breaking Easter Afternoon at the Infant School on the last day of term.

## Quiz



New quiz master, Chris Curtis, proved a great success as once again this proved to be a highlight of the PTA calendar. 17 teams squeezed into the Infant school hall for a highly competitive battle of general, and not so general, knowledge. It was very close – decided on the last round. Congratulations to the eventual winners, 'The Brains Aren't Here'. Huge thanks to Chris Curtis for masterminding the evening, to Mrs Dempsey and Bernie Jackson for feverishly marking and scoring and to the bar team, led by Richard Marrett, who were kept busy throughout.

## Disco

Ann Moss ran another very successful disco in March with 173 children attending, many dressed up as a favourite film or television character. The event raised a phenomenal £867.44. Many thanks to Ann and to all the parents and teachers who helped throughout the evening. The discos cannot take place safely without adequate supervision.

## Popcorn Night

'Finding Dory' was the screening at February's popcorn night. Over 100 children attended and £281 was raised. Annette Snell organised and ran the event. We are very grateful to her and her helpers for all their work.

## Mother's Day

The PTA have traditionally organised Mother's Day gifts at both schools. This year we made some changes at the Junior school, with less emphasis on the gift and more on the sentiment. The effort required was not reduced – over 400 bunches of daffodils take a lot of time to create! Thank you to the wonderful mums who formed a production line in the Infants hall to prepare all the bouquets and especially to Vanessa Hewitt and Jo McMenamin who were the overall organisers and did a fantastic job

## Easter Activity Afternoon



A really lovely way to end the term! Over 180 children from the Infant school and their siblings completed the activities that earned them an Easter egg at the end. Clodagh Shenton and Charlene Lord did a magnificent job organising and were ably helped on the day by some fantastic mums and very responsible and diligent Junior pupils. We even had beautiful weather! Many thanks to everyone who contributed – by helping on the day, baking and donating jolly jars.

Breakdown of Profits
Quiz - £1661
Junior Disco - £867
Popcorn Night - £281
Mother's Day - £253
Easter Activity Afternoon - £620
Ball - £5500



## The Ball by The Lake



On April 1<sup>st</sup> the PTA held the first ball for five years. Thanks to Richard Marrett, we were lucky enough to have the beautiful St Michael's Manor as our venue. The choice was clearly popular as we received over 180 requests for tickets in less than 24 hours.

The night was memorable with delicious food and a great band. Everyone looked fantastic and had a wonderful time. Richard was an excellent Master of Ceremonies and encouraged some enthusiastic bidding at the auction so we also raised a lot of money. Thanks go to Paola Bond, Anita

Doyle, Victoria Hines and Helen Slocombe for their great organisation, to Richard and the team at St Michael's Manor for their generosity and to all the individuals and companies who donated items for the auction and raffle.

To try to ensure as many people as possible can go to the ball, we are holding a second one on Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> 2017. Other than the attendees, it will be identical to the April one. **There are only two tables remaining!** If you would like to go and haven't got a ticket (£55 each) please email [ssaspta@gmail.com](mailto:ssaspta@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events

DATE	PTA EVENTS	LOCATION	TIME
Fridays Next Term 	<b>Ice Lolly Fridays</b> Weather permitting we will be selling ice lollies after school at the Infants on June 16 <sup>th</sup> , June 30 <sup>th</sup> and July 14 <sup>th</sup> and at the Juniors on Sports Day	Infant School – in the playground.	After school
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 	<b>Popcorn Night</b> Popcorn and a drink and a chance to see 'Trolls'	Infant School (Infant pupils only)	After school
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 	<b>Breaking Rules Day</b> An opportunity to have some fun and break some rules.	Junior School (Junior pupils only)	During school day
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 	<b>The Ball by the Lake</b> Only two tables left!	St Michael's Manor	From 6pm
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 	<b>Autumn Fair</b> With all the usual favourites. A welcome to new parents and welcome back to everyone else.	Infant School	12-3pm

**Please note : There will be no large scale Summer event this year.** This is so that the (very small) PTA committee can concentrate on organising the Autumn Fair.

We are always looking for more people to get involved in the planning stage of events. We do a lot and raise a lot of money but could do more with extra people. If you would like to get involved, email [ssaspta@gmail.com](mailto:ssaspta@gmail.com) or speak to someone you know who is already involved.