

NEWS

**PFA NEWSLETTER –
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**Sandbach Heath
St John's CE Primary**

Welcome to the 1st PFA newsletter of the new school year! Our aim is to keep everyone up to date on a regular basis with what we have planned, what we have raised and what the money you have helped to raise is going to be spent on

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 12th October
Quiz Night

Friday 22nd November
Xmas Fair

Thursday 19th December
Xmas Bingo

Please keep an eye out for event updates in the weekly newsletter

Why does the school have a PFA?

The main function of our PFA is to support the school by raising as much money as we can to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for the children.

We also exist to bring the communities of school and home closer together because it makes sense for parents to be involved in the life of their chosen school.

Lastly, we're here for the simple reason that we want to get together socially, meet new people and have fun! You will see as the year goes on, our meetings will be held in social venues so we can share ideas over a glass of wine

Can you help?

Even the smallest amount of time can help us out- could you come to a meeting, help set up an event or design a poster? Perhaps you have a professional skill you could help us out with? Even folding raffle tickets is a huge help!





School is not just about learning your Maths, English, Science and all the other subjects from the National Curriculum, it is about learning for life! Learning extends beyond the classroom and the best schools inspire, motivate and excite the children through creative teaching and those magic 'wow' moments. But as with everything else in this world, nothing comes for free... especially those wow moments. I am very fortunate here at St. Johns, to work alongside a dedicated and talented team of staff, and I'm not just talking about the teachers. And the special thing about my team, is that they want to give our children those very special magic moments in learning. But we are in very hard times. Everybody knows the financial difficulties that are facing all schools across the country and we are no different. Our school financial situation is not good and the likelihood is that it will get worse before it gets any better. Therefore, it makes it hard finding the money to give our children those magical moments in learning, whether that be through school trips, visits or whole school events.

So this is why our school PFA have an important role to play. The fund raising that happens through the PFA, goes a long way in helping us create those magic memories for our children, that will last for many, many years. Take for example the shows and nativities that we have performed over the last few years. All the stage lighting and sound equipment was purchased through PFA money. Look at the new cloakrooms in KS2 that give the children a great sense of pride and ownership, a large contribution of funding for those came from the PFA. Think about all the school trips and visits that we have had over the years, where the costs have been kept as low as possible... thanks to donations from the PFA. It is very clear to see why the PFA are integral to helping the school create those magical moments and it's important that we keep that going in the future.

Looking back at the year just gone, we have had some fantastic fund raising events including the Quiz night, Christmas Fayre, Bingo events, the Garden Party and the end of year disco. All the money which has been raised, will help us to give those exciting moments to our children. On a personal front, I'd like to thank Mel Bispham, who has been chairperson of the PFA this school year, for her continued drive, efforts and enthusiasm for all of the events. She has been a real supporter of our school for many, many years and for that, amongst all of her efforts this year, I am very grateful. But it hasn't been just about Mel, there has been a big team of friends, family and school staff who have helped her along the way and I want to send them all a very big thank you too.

But as we look forward to the new school year, I'd like to welcome Annabelle to the role of Chairperson of the PFA. I know that she has lots of exciting ideas and really wants to build upon the work that Mel has done this year and I am certain that she will be a great success. However, much of the success will not be just down to Annabelle and the PFA team, it's down to you... the parents, friends and family. We need your support. We need your help and engagement. If we are to make our PFA even better than what it is today, then we need everyone behind it. Please keep an eye out for lots of new things happening with the PFA and more importantly, get involved. Just remember, the bigger and better we can make our PFA, the more funds we can hopefully raise. And with more funds, the more 'wow' and 'exciting' moments we can create for our children. And creating more of those special moments for our children, the better learners they will become!

Thank you to everyone for all your support with the PFA

Mr. Rob Whittle
Headteacher



I am really excited to see what we can achieve this year – I have lots of ideas and I'm hoping at the AGM, we can form a great new committee

But it isn't just about coming along to the meetings – you can help in so many ways! From not running away if you see me approaching with raffle tickets, to supporting us by attending events, to helping us out by manning a stall. The more involvement we have as a team, the more we can achieve – which ultimately means the more we can raise for our children

Let's make this a great year!

Annabelle Morgan – PFA Chair

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

What did we raise in the last school year?

A grand total of

£3693.32!!

Xmas Fair - £1100.80

Xmas Bingo - £301.35

Quiz Night - £313.10

Bunny Bingo - £359.90

Sports Day - £13.72

150 Club Prize Draw - £108

Summer Garden Party - £1039.80

End of Year Disco - £456.65

On behalf of the PFA team I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents, friends and teachers who have contributed to make this year so successful. We truly hope you have enjoyed the events we have put on this year, the highlight for me being the quiz night. The quiz night didn't make the most amount of money, however it was a brilliant evening of fun, bringing groups of and as the first event for the PFA this school year it was great to show what you can put together when you have a team effort. The PFA is all about team work, and so much work goes into these events to make them as successful as possible. And the team this year has been fantastic. So thank you from me for your support. It has really been a pleasure to chair the committee this year and I have thoroughly enjoyed it, however for September Annabelle Morgan will be the new Chairperson. The team will go from strength to strength with Annabelle at the helm! Events are already being planned for the new school term so please come along and support the PFA.

Mel Bispham

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING AGM

Monday 16th September

7pm – School Hall



Please come and join our closed Facebook Group to keep up to date with everything that we have going on –
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parentkind.org.uk

is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!



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