

St Dominic's Catholic Primary School PTFA Newsletter 3



[Issue 2]

Dear St Dominic's Families, Teachers and Friends

Welcome to our third and last newsletter for academic year 2017/18. Thank you to everyone who has helped out at PTFA events this academic year!

FUNDS

- Last year, via PTA events our School community raised a very healthy £4,200 for the school.
- This year we raised £800 at the Duck Race to add into the pot.
- We also applied for and received a grant from Renishaw for £300!
- We have also benefited from many small but important private donations for the Library to cover the costs of new books and furniture.



LIBRARY, GARDENING, NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT & MORE!

As you know we are using funds raised towards realising the Library extension and **supporting the costs of this year's School residential**. The School Council also requested board games for playtime and the PTA have already put funds towards these. **We are also supporting teacher requests for some brilliant classroom items in support of science, RE, maths and literacy**. The Library is now finished and looks **AMAZING**. The library lending system which was purchased by the previous PTA is now fully up and running meaning the original Library investment of £1500 has been put to its full use.

A space can now be created for children to be librarians and check books in and out. It is a large, warm and inviting environment. **Do go check it out!** We secured a small grant from private sponsors to purchase the entire **Pie Corbett Book Spine**. This will offer children the chance to read exciting new literature which comes highly recommended for primary school children and includes the Classics. We were also able to purchase **brand new soft seating and a front facing book shelf** for little ones. **All at no cost to the PTA.**

Teachers are completing Forest School training (and in the Autumn there will be a special family event to highlight what is planned). The lower grounds of the school will shortly be refurbished to create a **Vegetable Garden with a box planter for each Class group**....and very exciting.....the children will have **two new pieces of play kit installed over the holidays!** One is an upright board game and one promotes physical activity play - **with more to come!**

EVENTS RECAP 2017/18

Thank you for supporting our events. We hope you enjoyed them all. **The Duck Race** was a success financially though admittedly it wasn't as well attended as we had hoped. This was partly due to the royal wedding of course but we were down on numbers attending from St Doms too - in order to continue with this traditional St Dominic's event the PTA will really need your support next year so we do not lose our spot at the next Festival. The **Bingo Night and Disco** were both great fun. Photos go up in the Hall next week and you can request a jpg if you want any. Big thanks to Gareth for being our Bingo host in Gold! **Chill Out Tuesdays** have been a huge success - thanks very much to Helen! If you have any suggestions for future social events **please come and chat to us**.



End of Term Events!

The final PTA family event this year will be an end of term party on Friday July 13th with waterslide and more. Details will follow on Jotter. Additionally, the Parish is holding a family day on Saturday July 14th which will include games, food and Mass. The Fete will move to the Autumn Term when we expect higher attendance numbers for fundraising (making the huge volunteer efforts before and during these events really worthwhile).

Vacancies!

A vacancy has come up on the Committee for the position of Chair as Alison is stepping down for next year. Caroline Fell is currently Vice Chair, Abi Davis is Treasurer, Helen Neale is Secretary. Please do think about stepping up to the challenge!

"I've really enjoyed being PTA Chair. It is great fun to see projects finally come together for the children. I hope everyone will love the new look playground and Library. Please visit the Library anytime and watch out for the photos of the 2 new school play equipment to be shared with all shortly. To find new income streams to help the PTFA is very rewarding. I will gladly help out with this in the future but it is time to step down and let someone new have a go with fresh ideas! This is such a wonderful School with a terrific and willing Parish right next door"- Alison

Please keep an eye out for a large plastic tub to be located near the gate entrance for you to drop off recycling items including biscuit wrappers, cleaning bottles and wipe packs which will help us generate some revenue! And finally, please check the school website/Jotter for PTFA updates, events and news where you will find the latest information available.

Our Lady, Woman of Hope, pray for us

St Peter, Rock of Hope, pray for us

St Paul, Apostle of Hope, pray for us

