

Welcome to the PTFA newsletter, packed with news of exciting events, recent successes, investments in your school and opportunities big and small to get involved.

Helpers needed - If you are considering helping out, give it a try! If you would like to join the Committee you are very welcome (Acorns, Willows and Ash parents especially) but there are lots of ways to help out, even if you only have an hour. Remember: no previous experience is required. Why not lend a hand with any (or all!) of the events below?

Forthcoming events:

- ★ **Ash and Willows Cake Sale, Friday 26th January at 3:15pm** - bakers and helpers required to sell the cakes. Acorns and Chestnuts raised a fantastic £100. It's time to throw the gauntlet down and find out whether Willows and Acorns can raise even more!
- ★ **Key Stage 1 disco, Friday 2nd March at 4:30pm** - following a very successful KS2 disco, a treat for younger pupils
- ★ **Vintage Tea Party, 24th March, 2:30 - 5pm** - Bakers and helpers required. This year themed around the centenary of the First World War with costumes and music to match. Venue TBC.

And looking further ahead,

- ★ **School Fete!** The annual School Fete will be held on **7th July 2018** and will be themed around the Rio Carnival this year. Let's hope for Rio-like weather. Put it in your diary now to avoid disappointment!

Foreign coins - we are still collecting these in the School Office. Eight kilos of coins have already been sent for valuation. This is such an easy way for the school to raise money, so if you are off to anywhere exotic and have any leftover coins please remember to drop them into the school.







Christmas News - It seems amazing that we are already nearly in February. Christmas seems a long time ago now but it was a very busy time for the school and the PTFA. Here is a run-down of how the PTFA were involved in Christmas events:

- ★ **Christmas party:** A lovely group of ladies (some pictured here) worked hard to make the Christmas party another very successful one for the children. It was a great day. Thank you to all involved!
- ★ **Nativity plays:** £150 was raised from tea donations. Thank you to all those who donated and especially to those who mucked in and helped serve the teas and coffees, as well as selling raffle tickets.



- ★ Christmas raffle: A fantastic £500 was raised. Thanks for your support and especially to all those wonderful businesses who donated some brilliant prizes. A list of those who donated prizes can be found at the end of the newsletter - please take note of these businesses and support them if you can.
- ★ Christmas hampers: Thanks to your very generous hamper donations, £111 was raised, half of which went to Save the Children and half to the school. Local venues such as Cross Stores kindly raffled off a hamper each. Ideas are being sought for next year.

Meet the PTFA - In case you would like to get involved and don't know who's who, here's a handy guide. So if you see us around and would like to find out more please do say hello, we would love to hear your feedback and if you have any questions, we are very happy to help. We are a friendly bunch so don't be shy! Alternatively, contact us at ptfastnicholasschool@gmail.com or via the school office.

<p>Tanya Mason-Flynn, Chair</p> 	<p>MJ Wright, Vice Chair</p> 	<p>Carol Wee, Treasurer</p> 	<p>Katie Morton, Secretary</p> 
Other Committee members:			
<p>Sophie Cooper</p> 	<p>Alice Chapman</p> 	<p>Claire Feltham</p> 	<p>Emma West</p>

Thank you so much to the following businesses for their kind Christmas Raffle donations:

Blandford Leisure Centre
Christine's Puddings
Conyers Gun Shop
Cross Stores, Child Okeford
Damory Vets
Hall and Woodhouse
Hamper Houses
Katie Haines Nails
Pet's Corner
Stur of the Moment
The Beauty Workshop

The Exchange, Sturminster Newton
White Horse Pub, Stourpaine
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