



Emersons Green Primary School

PTFA NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2010

PTFA Aims and Objectives

Our primary aim is to raise money to support the school by providing additional resources to make our children's education more complete.

New PTFA Committee elected

On 12th October 2009, the new committee was elected. Our sincere thanks go to the previous PTFA committee for their hard work and fundraising success over the past two years. Thanks also to Donna Allen who continues to run the school uniform orders.

New Committee members:

Victoria Burchill - Joint Chair

Julia Dunn - Joint Chair

Angela Beard - Vice Chair

Andrea Hobbs - Treasurer

Alison Rawlings - Vice Treasurer

Jacqui MacKenzie - Secretary

Meryl Grimshaw - Vice Secretary



Fundraising summary - last year.....

08/09 was a good year for fund raising and in excess of £4,500 pounds was raised thanks to your generous support. The main fund raising events were the circus night, Mangotsfield Festival and the Ladies' Night; other successes were the Bingo Night and the Second Hand Book Sale. It's great that so much money can be raised whilst having a thoroughly good time! We'd like to thank all the parents and friends of the school who helped to raise this fantastic sum.

Here are a few things that were funded during the year:

- books for the school library
- class grants
- year 6 leavers t-shirts
- reception class book bags
- Christmas discos
- flowers for reception class parents and 'someone you love' day
- trim trail (£8K)

And fundraising this year.....



Setting up!

Christmas Fair

The newly elected PTFA hit the ground running with the first ever Emersons Green Primary School Christmas Fair. This event ended up raising just over £1,000 - a fantastic achievement! Many thanks to everyone who helped, donated, ran a stall or turned up on the night - it was incredible to receive the amount of support from you all. See below for full list of events planned for 2010.



Hungry Santa!

2010 PTFA expenditure:

Outdoor Classroom

Last year the PTFA committed to raise £3,500 and add this to the £12,000 funding grant received to develop the outside area. We are very pleased to report that, after adding the money from the Christmas Fair, we have already raised £2,700 and are well on our way to achieving the full amount. Well done - a superb achievement - lets keep it going!

So, our fundraising target at the moment is to raise a further £800 - with your support we hope to have achieved this by the end of this school year (Summer 2010). Keep an eye on the notice board in the foyer and the weekly newsletters for regular updates.



The outdoor classroom project is almost complete and it's great to think that the children will shortly be able to experience some outdoor teaching (lets hope it warms up a bit for them!).



Sheds

In conjunction with some other schools, Emersons Green Primary School has co-ordinated a bulk buy purchase of sheds.

The school has reserved two sheds - one for Reception class to store outdoor equipment and toys, the second shed will be used for outdoor equipment used on the school field

Wet weather gear cupboard for Reception class

The PTFA has allocated money for wet weather gear storage in their playground so it is quick and easy for the children to change when they move between the outdoors and indoors.



.....and much more!

In addition to the above, the PTFA have again committed to fund the class grants, Year 6 leavers t-shirts, Reception class book bags, Christmas & Summer Discos, flowers for reception class parents and 'someone you love' day.

Communication

The School has its own website and the PTFA have a section within the site which is currently being updated. Here you will find copies of any previous minutes and our newsletters to keep you up to date with our fundraising activities and what we have spent the money on. There will be a PTFA newsletter twice a year to keep everyone up to date with news, events, targets and celebrations. In addition to this, we have a section at the end of each weekly school newsletter. Also, keep an eye on the blackboard for any last minute announcements (the board is placed at the entrance to the playground).

PTFA events - dates for your diary!

Coffee Mornings - every Friday



Every Friday from 8.50am until 10.00am we hold a Coffee Morning in the school hall. Adults and children are welcome to have a cuppa/drink and a chat. Squash and toast is available for the children and we have toys available to play with. This is a great opportunity to relax and enjoy the company of other parents from the school and to help a younger sibling become accustomed to the school environment. There is a small charge of 30p per person to cover costs.

Other events

- **10th - 17th March 2010** - Book Week. The Travelling Book Company will return for their annual visit - books will be available to view and purchase before and after school
- **26th March 2010, 6pm - 8pm** - Bingo Night for all the family
- Spring event - fashion show starring Emersons Green Primary supermodels! Date TBC



- **12th June 2010** - Mangotsfield Festival
- Summer event - Fun Run & BBQ, date TBC
- **25th September** - September BBQ & Treasure Hunt
- **3rd December 2010** - Christmas Fair

Suggestion box

We understand that not all parents are able to attend the PTFA meetings due to other commitments but we always value your comments. If you wish to make a suggestion for any fundraising events or PTFA expenditure please make a note of it and put it in the comments box in the school entrance area. If you would prefer to contact us by email our details are:

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Next PTFA meeting: PTFA 15th March 2010 - 6.30pm

Meeting is usually held in the teacher's staff room - everyone welcome.