



Our Lady & St Teresa's Primary School

OLST PTA NEWS – MAY 2018

Spring is in the air!

Doesn't time fly! We are well into Spring now, and dare we say it the nice weather has finally arrived, lets hope that it is here to stay especially for the Summer Fair.

Since our last newsletter there has been a lot going on. We had another successful **film night**, as well as a great **disco** for KS1 and KS2 our children LOVE to boogie.

Our **Easter Bingo** was great fun, and we want to thank you for your support and donations, we had an abundance of eggs for some great prize hampers on the night and remaining eggs were given as prizes for the **Easter Bonnet & Garden competition** as well as some local raffles at Happy Days and the Builders Arms.

Now for something slightly more serious, we have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure we comply with the new government data protection requirements (GDPR), as well as working on risk assessments and insurances. Going forward this will mean stricter cut off points for child led events so unfortunately **NO** last minute bookings will be accepted due to our legal duties towards your children's safety.

If you have a seat on our Bus, our monthly winners from March and April have been notified and received their winnings. We will hopefully be announcing our winners once again very soon on social media, we just need to ensure we have all our legal boxes ticked!

Last but by no means least, we are currently in the process of registering our PTA as a charity, so please look out for more information on that in the near future.

Contributions made so far...

We are happy to tell you that we have invested money in the following:

Outdoor clothing provided for year 2 (we plan to roll these out to all year groups, funded by future film nights).

iPad specifically for nurture group.

Money spent out of the allocated donation towards the **library refurbishment**.

Enhancing the schools budget for imminent improvements to the **front playground**.

£700 from the bus lotto has been given to school to put towards **class trips**.

A forest school training course so that we have another **dedicated forest school leader** on site.

Initial clear up of **Forest School** area and a years ongoing maintenance.

Once again we couldn't do all this without you, so:

Thank You!



We are very happy to announce this years **SUMMER FAIR**, which will take place on the **23rd June** between **11-2**.

We already have some great plans for the day however, we do still need some help, especially with the following:

- We are looking for several **Gazebos** or **Marquees** to borrow for the day, if you have one or know someone who does, and would be willing to lend it that would be great.
- Donations of good quality toys, teddies, games or other such suitable items for **raffle/tombola prizes** (please pass on to PTA members or via the office).
- If you know of anyone who might be interested in volunteering at a school stall or being an **independent stall holder** please let us know.
- As always we are looking for general **volunteers** for help on the day. Please talk to one of us or let us know by FaceBook or email.
- Any local groups who would like to display at the fair (dance, music troops etc)

With your support we can make this another successful Summer Fair. Our fundraising goal for this event is to supply an entire class set of iPads!

Most importantly we hope you can join us on the day and bring your family and freinds. It's going to be a great day with lots of extra surprises!



Coming Up...

As always be sure to keep an eye on the Facebook page which is updated regularly with information on what's coming up such as pop up shops, film nights etc. Please make sure you are booked on before the cut off date for these events to help us with our health and safety requirements and to avoid disappointment.

Along with the above and other spontaneous (and awesome) events throughout the year, we are also involved in the following:

- Contributing towards the **year 6 leavers hoodies and leavers party**.
- Providing gifts of **P.E bags** for new starters along with a **welcome pack**.
- Welcome coffee morning for **new** parents in the Autumn term, current parents are also more than welcome.



Joining Your PTA

All families are automatically members of the PTA when their children join our school and its great for all parents and guardians to get involved in making a difference to our school.

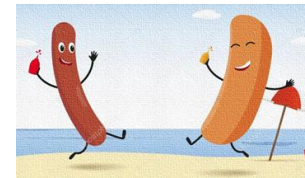
If you are interested in attending a meeting, becoming a helper or have any ideas or questions please do not hesitate to contact us by:

- **Speak to a committee member in the playground**
- **Emailing ptaolst@yahoo.co.uk**
- **Handing a note or letter into the school office**
- **Or visiting our Facebook page OLST PTA (@olstpta)**

children communication committee
fundraising PTA school
pupils staff parents rewarding events organisation ideas teachers

QUOTE OF THE TERM

"I just want to lie on the beach and eat hot dogs.
That's all I've ever wanted."



Bus Lotto



Don't be the one who is not on the bus! Make sure you have your bus Lotto ticket.

Jump on at our Summer Fair for £6 or via the office or a member of the PTA committee.

(£6 for July – Dec 2018 draws)



We are looking forward to some more fun and exciting times during 2018!

Please like our Facebook page (@olstpta) to keep up to date with our news, events, including Bus Lotto winners!