

OLST PTA News – January 2018

Welcome to 2018!

Wow! We can't believe we are in the new year already, we hope everyone had a great Christmas and all those that attended the Christmas Fair enjoyed it and that the great performances the children put on filled you pride and the spirit of Christmas.

Thanks to the hard work of the PTA members and kind contributions from parents/carers we were able to spend some of the fundraised money on some seasonal treats to make the Christmas period that extra bit special, these included a lovely **Christmas Tree** for the School, **Christmas crackers for the children's Christmas lunch** and **selection boxes for classroom raffles**.

Contributions made so far:

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

- ✓ Reception outdoor classroom - £1000 donated for new equipment
- ✓ PE bags for our new reception starters
- ✓ £100 per class for items chosen by teachers
- ✓ Games and equipment for Nurture group
- ✓ Film licence to enable us to run the very popular film nights.

Coming Up: As well as the above we have also;

- set aside **£1500** for children to visit Peters Books and select some **new books** themselves for the library
- we are looking at ways to help support **Forest School** and currently drawing up some very exciting plans!
- Funds from Film Night will go towards providing **outdoor overalls** for Year 2 with the plan to provide these for all years in the near future.

We hope you'll agree that all the above is very exciting for both the school and the children, and once again we couldn't do it without your continued support so...

Thank You!

Donations and Grants

During the past few months we have also been lucky enough to receive some donations and grants from the local community;

- £100 donation from Aviva Community fund – thanks to all who helped with the online voting!
- Tesco – fruit donated for all children attending film night
- Forest school bundle worth £500 including 2-hour staff training session
- Raffle prizes from many local businesses communicated via the Christmas school newsletter.

School Disco!

Following the success of the summer disco, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding another disco for the children on Friday the 9th February. Information to follow.

If the last disco was anything to go by this will be great fun, our children sure know how to party, and there was lots of great dancing and games and fun was had by all!

Film Nights!



You Pick The Flick

26th January 2018

3:30pm – 5:30pm

OLST PTA's sole aim is to raise much needed funds to purchase additional equipment and resources to enhance our children's learning environment. It's a wonderful way to bring our community of parents, carers and staff together to support our lovely school.

PTA Members

As we have started a new school year since the last newsletter we thought it only right to re-introduce you to the members of your PTA. There are some familiar faces and also some new joiners who are always welcome.

So, without further ado, your PTA are (drum roll):



Darrel O'Malley
Dad to Kyran
Yr6



Karen Brown
Mum to Rosie
Yr5



Rachel Donelan
Mum to Imogen Yr1

Danielle Turpin
Mum to Raven Yr3
& Cole Reception

Karen Todd
Parent Governor
Mum to Molly Yr5

Claire Sayers-Smith
Mum to Isabella
Reception

Rachel Baker
Mama to A Baker-Jones Yr3
& J Baker-Jones Yr1



Verity Clark
Parent Governor
Mum to Joe Yr5 &
Daisy Yr1



Leah McGarry
Mum to Eliza Yr6
& Lila Yr5



Amanda Rheams
Mum to Melissa Yr4 &
Anna Yr3

Sarah Riman
Joint Chair
Mum to Eylee Yr2 &
Sophie Reception

Lucy Stamps
Mum to Milly &
Eliessa Reception

Joanne Currie
Mum to Alfie Yr3



Pippa Matthews
Joint Vice Chair
Year 1 Teacher



Helen Dalby
Mum to Mito Yr3
& Isla Yr2



Helen Wilkinson
Mum to Angelie Yr4

Esther McCarthy
Joint Chair
Mum to Eloise Yr6
& Libby Yr3

Amanda Phipps
Secretary
Mum to Tobey Yr6
& Daniel & Chibe Yr3



Nikki Whiting
Joint Vice Chair
Mum to Seth Yr1
& Nige Reception

Haley Hanson
Treasurer
Mum to Lola Yr2



Alison Sabin
Mum to Sam Yr1



Amy Lee
Mum to Elliot Yr5, Max Yr2
& Cody Reception

All families are automatically members of the PTA when their children join our school and it's great for all parents and carers 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:

- **Catching 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)**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"You don't **HAVE** to be crazy to be in the PTA but it helps"

Bus Lotto

Don't be the one who is not on the bus! Make sure you have your bus Lotto money in for your winning ticket before the first draw on the 29th! It's £12 for the year and it can be handed to the office or to a member of the PTA committee.



Here's to some fun and exciting times during 2018!

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