



PFA In Touch



The quarterly newsletter from Somersham Primary School
Parents and Friends Association (PFA).

Thank You....

I would like to say a very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported our fund raising events this term.

Whether you have supplied donations for the events, have given your time to help out on the day, have been part of the organizing teams or have come along and spent your money, your contribution is gratefully received. Many people have done all of the above and their efforts are fully appreciated. All the money is spent on enhancing the school and learning environment for our children.

Thank you again for all your support over 2014 and on behalf of all the PFA, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to a happy and rewarding 2015.

Vicki Webb - PFA Chair

2015 Diary Dates Include:

Pop Up Uniform Shop

Wednesday 14th January 2015
Wednesday 11th March 2015

Spring Discos

Thursday 26th February 2015.

Race Night

Friday 13th March 2015

Easter Fair

Tuesday 24th March 2015

Christmas Fair Success!



An Amazing
£1,200
Raised



Thank you to everyone that supported our Christmas Fair on 19th November. This year the fair raised a fantastic amount of over £1,200 for PFA school funds.

With record crowds of visitors and over 27 stalls, the adults enjoyed browsing a large array of festive gifts and crafts, whilst the children enjoyed visiting Santa in his grotto and undertaking various activities in the craft room.

Festive entertainment filled the school hall, provided by our own school choir, and the PFA served lots of tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies to hungry shoppers. All this ensured the event was a huge success.

We would like to give special thanks to Katie Ixer, who worked really hard in putting the event together for everyone to enjoy. Also thank you to Rose & Crown for providing the mulled wine and Toms Cakes for the Gingerbread House, and everyone else who supported the event.

The winner of guess the weight of the Christmas cake was Mike Soteriou who was the nearest guess at 7lb 6oz! Opposite is a picture of his wife Shaney accepting the cake on his behalf from PFA chair Vicki Webb. The cake was generously donated by Pinks cakes—victoria@pinkscakes.co.uk. Thanks to everyone who had a guess!

We are now looking forward to our Easter Fair in the Spring.



'Wizard of Oz' Christmas Show

The PFA are really proud to fund this year's Christmas Show for all the children in the School.

The show took place on Tuesday 9th December and was undertaken by Pendle Productions travelling theatre group. We were blown away by the wonderful adaption of the classic L. Frank Baum Story of 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' and we all went on a adventure with Dorothy and friends down the yellow brick road.



School Christmas Trees

Back in November 2013, we purchased a 10ft artificial Christmas tree for the school. The important thing was that you helped to fund this. We took the money you raised by recycling your ink cartridges ('Empties') and used the money to purchase the tree. The children then helped by bringing in a decoration for the tree.

We have now started a new tradition by asking all the Reception children to bring in a decoration to be added to the tree and we will continue to do this every year. It was put up in the hall at the end of November and I think you will agree that it looks very impressive!

We would also like to thank Cranbrook Plants for their very generous donation of our real Christmas Tree situated outside the school office. It looks very festive and the children really enjoy looking at it on their way into school. Special thanks also goes to Rebecca and James (front), and Lowell and Beren for their fantastic tree decorating skills!



Calendars & Bags 2 School



We are pleased to announce School Calendars raised over £500 for PFA school funds! We only have 9 Calendars left - great for Christmas gifts - visit School Office to purchase - cheques payable to Somersham Primary School PFA.

Thank you for all your generous donations of unwanted clothing and shoes for the Bags 2 School scheme. We are really pleased to announce that we collected 480Kg in weight and raised £192 for PFA school funds.



New Plant Bed

We now have a lovely newly stocked plant bed outside Puffin Class. A big thank you goes to Dawn at Cranbrook Plants, who gave us lots of advice on the types of plants to be used and also very kindly donated and delivered all the compost for the new plant bed.



The PFA funded all the plants which includes low maintenance, non-poisonous and hardy shrubs, but also herbs to smell nice and be used in the kitchens. There are also bulbs planted throughout for a cheerful display in the Spring.

New Digital Cameras!

This term the PFA have purchased 10 new digital cameras for the school.

The cameras will be put to good use by the staff and children in every class to enhance their school project work and recording.



Xmas Party Time

The children's Christmas parties will also take place at the end of term and all the children will meet Father Christmas and hopefully have a wonderful time.

Again you helped fund these parties, by supporting our Toy Fair back in October all the money raised went towards helping with the cost of the parties.



Upcoming Events

Race Night

Friday 13th March 2015

The PFA's Race night is back in the saddle for the second year and we would love you to come and join us for this great child free night out!

The race night is a light hearted event where you have an opportunity to win cash prizes by selecting horses in different races and enjoy yourself amongst friends whilst raising money for the school.



So get your babysitters booked! Tickets will be £10 each and this includes a Fish & Chip / Pie & Chip Supper. You can bring your own alcohol and refreshments. Please look out for more information in the New Year for this fun night out!

Spring Discos

Thursday 26th February 2015



Children get your dancing shoes ready for the exciting School Spring Disco!

5pm to 6pm for Reception and Key Stage 1 Children
6.15pm to 7.30pm for Key Stage 2 Children

Tickets cost £2.50 and will be on sale from 14th February, on the playgrounds and in front of the school office. Ticket price includes a drink and a small bag of sweets for the KS1 Disco and a tuck shop runs at the KS2 Disco.

Helpers are needed for this event, if you can help then please email Vicki Webb on pfa@somersham.cambs.sch.uk or via the school office.

Pop Up Shop

Wednesday 14th January 2015

Wednesday 11th March 2015

Please remember you can pick up good quality second hand uniform either at the pop up shop on Wednesday 14th January and Wednesday 11th March or alternatively email your requests to PFA at pfa@somersham.cambs.sch.uk.

You will find good quality clothing available in many different sizes and styles.

Donations are still **urgently** required, in particular older children sizes, coats, trousers and skirts.

Also the PFA are looking for fancy dress donations. In 2015 we are hoping to offer the service of fancy dress hire to parents to help with the variety of different fancy dress events which take place at school every year.

We hope to hire out the costumes at 50p a time to parents on a return basis. We would like to build up a variety of stock from the donations of unwanted / non-fitting costumes from previous events?

Please email us on pfa@somersham.cambs.sch.uk for further information or via the school office.

Donations can be left in the PFA box in the school foyer.

Still Got Christmas Shopping to Do?? Or the January Sales???



Don't Forget to register with [Easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to help raise free funds for Somersham School

Register at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/somershamprimary>

Raise free donations with over 2,700 retailers



What & Who are the PFA?

The Parent and Friend Association promotes and supports the school by raising funds for all the additional equipment that enhance the children's school life. As parents/guardians you automatically became members of the PFA when your child joined the school.

The committee comprising of staff and parents, organize PFA events and fundraising opportunities throughout the year, previous events include Summer Fete, school discos, 'bags2school' clothes recycling and various collection schemes such as ink cartridges and vouchers.

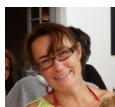
Introducing the PFA Committee



Vicki Webb
Chair



Karen Dixon
Vice Chair



Karen Holley
Treasurer



Julie Quickenden
Secretary



Kelly Spiess
Minutes Secretary



Liz Giglio
200 Club



Stephanie Petriello
Creative Director



Katie Chamberlain
PR Officer



Dave Bird
Fete Co-ordinator



Theresa Baird



Tracy Kendell



Leeanne Thurston



Michelle Mann



Nicola Furlong



Gemma Burt



Nicola Taylor



Katie Ixer



Paul Woodman
Head



Toby Gooch
Deputy Head



Fiona Holland

Contact Us

If you feel you would like to join the PFA, or volunteer for any one of our events or just to perhaps share some ideas then please contact us on:

pfa@somersham.cambs.sch.uk

You can also find out more information on the web at:

<http://somershamprimary.co.uk/pfa.asp>

PFA Committee Meetings

Committee meetings are held half-termly on a Monday evening. Our next meeting is on 26th January 2015, it would be great to see you there.

