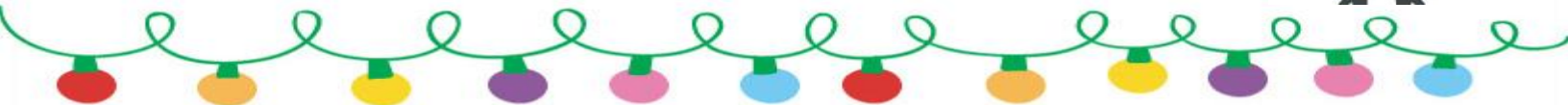




PFA In Touch

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



Welcome....

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 2015 and on behalf of all the PFA, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to a happy and rewarding 2016.

Vicki Webb - PFA Chair

Diary Dates Include:

Pop Up Shop

Friday 15th January 2016

Spring Disco

Wednesday 24th February 2016

Race Night

Friday 11th March 2016



HOT OFF THE PRESS NEWS

The Building of our New Trim Trail is Underway!

The PFA are really pleased to announce that work has now started on our new £22,000 investment 'All Age Trim Trail' to help pupils keep fit and active whilst at school. Trails are the perfect way to get children outdoors and encourage exercise.

The impressive trim trail which is Somersham Primary School's biggest investment in recent years has been funded by all your generous donations and spending at the PFA events over several years to the value of £8,000. We also had a generous donation from School Council for £2,000 which was kindly match funded by Barclays Bank for a further £2,000.



We then made an application to the Awards for All, Big Lottery Grant. Fantastic news of the £10,000 grant award from the National Lottery has given the new play equipment the green light and has meant we can achieve this installation much sooner than we hoped!

The new trim trail will include some really exciting and challenging pieces of equipment for the children, including a log cabin, wobble board, log walk, clatter bridge, tyre traverse, mini web, striding stilts, included twine and cross beams. The trail will be built on a dedicated part of the school field using special purpose surfaces for the children's safety.

PFA Chair, Vicki Webb described the new trim trail as "absolutely fantastic". "It has been a long time coming but will provide the 'Wow Factor' and will become a real focal point for the school." "It will help keep the children fit and active which ties in with our healthy school initiative" "We are most grateful to everyone who has supported the PFA over the years, the School Council and Barclays Bank and also the National Lottery for their large donation which has helped make this happen."

Event Updates

Christmas Fair Success!!

Over £1,000 Raised!!

Thank you to everyone that supported our Christmas Fair on Friday 27th November. This year the fair raised a fantastic amount of over £1,000 for PFA school funds.

With crowds of visitors and lots of 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 hot food 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 'The Rose & Crown' for providing the mulled wine and 'Toms Cakes' for the Gingerbread House, and Donnalicious Cakes' www.donnaliciouscakes.co.uk who donated the fabulous Christmas Cake for the 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' competition, and everyone else who supported the event.

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



School Christmas Tree

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!

School Christmas Parties

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.

You are helping to fund these parties as all the money raised at our Toy Fair back in October will go towards helping with the cost.

Thank you for all your support!



Calendars & Bag2School

The 2016 calendars were a great hit and we have sold 200 to date! Absolute last orders for a final print run MUST be received at the office with payment by Tuesday 8th December. Cash or cheques payable to Somersham school PFA (£6.50 each).

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 raised £208 for PFA school funds.



PFA Fundraising News

Pop Up Shop

Friday 15th January 2016

Friday 4th March 2016

Please remember you can pick up good quality second hand uniform either at the pop up shop on Friday 15th January and Friday 4th 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. We also have a few coats available for £2 each.

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

PFA Race Night Friday 11th March 2016

The PFA's Race night is back in the saddle for a third 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/ Vegetarian Option Supper. You can bring your own alcohol and refreshments. Please look out for more information in the New Year for this fun night out!



Help us Raise Funds

Below are a few of the many ways you can help the PFA raise funds:

Easy Fundraising



Sign up to the Easy Fundraising website and raise money for the PFA whilst doing your normal online shopping. Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/somersham to register.

Yellow Moon



Yellow Moon help schools fund raise by giving up to 20% cash back on purchases made by quoting the schools source code: SOM8403. Purchases can be made at www.yellowmoon.co.uk

Easy2Name



Easy2Name offers parents a simple and easy way to label their child's possessions. Somersham school earn 20% commission on all orders placed. Visit www.easy2name.com to order your labels.

We also collect ink jet cartridges and stamps for additional funds for the school and remember Bags2School collection for your unwanted clothes and shoes.

What & Who are the PFA?

The Parent and Friend Association promotes and supports the school by raising funds for additional equipment and experiences 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



Tracy Kendall
Vice Chair



Karen Holley
Treasurer



Julie Quickenden
Secretary



Stephanie Petriello
Creative Director



Kelly Spiess
Minutes Secretary



Nicola Taylor



Michelle Mann



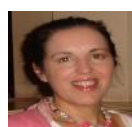
Nicola Furlong



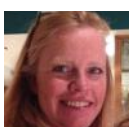
David Bird
Fete Co-ordinator



Liz Giglio
200 Club



Katie Chamberlain
PR Officer



Theresa Baird



Kelly Wheatley



Gemma Burt



Katie Ixer
Christmas Fair



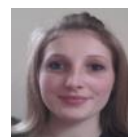
Karen Dixon



Serena Moore



Emma Morris



Caroline Wright



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:

www.pfa-events.co.uk/somersham

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

PFA Committee Meetings

Committee meetings are held half-termly on a weekday evening.

Next PFA Meeting: Monday 18th January 2016

easyfundraising.org.uk
feel good shopping

Remember to raise this Christmas

Collect FREE donations for **SOMERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL** when you shop online this Christmas!

We need you to...

- 1. Join**
Head to easyfundraising, search for us to start raising.
- 2. Shop**
There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board, so pick the one you want and start shopping.
- 3. Raise**
After you've made your purchase, the retailer will make a donation to us at no extra cost whatsoever!

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