



PFA In Touch

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

Welcome....

A new school year has now begun and we would like to welcome back all parents and introduce our new reception parents to our first newsletter of the term.

This newsletter gives us the chance to keep you updated on all the exciting events and fundraising activities that are taking place over the next few months.

The newsletter also allows us to inform you to what the fundraising money is being spent on throughout the school.

Vicki Webb - PFA Chair

Diary Dates Include:

Halloween Disco

Thursday 6th November 2014

Pop Up Uniform Shop

Wednesday 12th November 2014

Christmas Fair

Wednesday 19th November 2014.

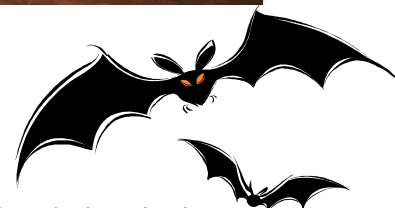
Bags2School

Tuesday 25th November 2014.

Upcoming Event



Halloween Disco



Join us for our annual spooky Halloween Disco in the school hall. This is a really popular event for all ages to have some freaky fun with their friends. Fancy Dress is optional but please no masks.

Thursday 6th November 2014

5.00pm to 6.00pm 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 22nd October, 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.

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Nine New Visualisers Ordered

The PFA are really pleased to be able to purchase a further nine visualisers, costing £300 each. The visualisers will be used in the School Classrooms as a result from our annual fundraising efforts.

These visualizers can really help the teachers ensure the quality of teaching in lessons is consistently high. By sharing outcomes of pupils work, demonstrating and modelling techniques and methods under a visualizer can help ensure that pupils make good progress and have a clear understanding in lessons.

For example, when teaching angles in mathematics, the visualizer allows a teacher to demonstrate how to use a protractor to accurately measure angles in a way that could not be easily achieved otherwise.



Coffee Morning Welcome

Our first Reception parent coffee morning was a great success.

We felt it would be a really good idea for the new reception parents to get together during the first week of their children starting school and have the opportunity to meet other new parents and find out a little more about what the PFA does for the school.



2015 School Calendar

A really big thank you for all your hard work in preparing the most fantastic looking fancy dress costumes this year - we have never seen so many wonderful 1964 book characters including Oompa Loompas, Tiggers, Knights and Spiders to name a few.

The photo shoot was carried out to a tight itinerary and we would like to pay special thanks to Marie Barley Photography for her time in taking all the lovely photographs and also the teachers, staff and volunteer helpers very who ensured everything came together on the day.

The cost of each calendar is £6.50 and you will be pleased to know that orders are now being taken for the calendars, so make sure you get your order in before half term to guarantee Christmas Delivery. Also to remind you that the Calendars are great Christmas gifts for family members and friends so please feel free to order as many as you like!

Order Forms have been sent out to parents via SchoolComms but additional copies can be obtained from the school office. Please return all orders to the office with cheques made payable to Somersham Primary School PFA.

Second Hand Uniform

Please remember you can pick up good quality second hand uniform either at the pop up shop on Wednesday 12th November or alternatively email your requests to PFA at pfa@somersham.cambs.sch.uk.

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

200 Club

Orders are still being taken for entry into the 200 Club. The 200 Club gives you the chance to win a cash prize and help raise funds for the school, so why not join in!

Contact Liz Giglio at pfa@somersham.cambs.sch.uk for more information.

Raising Funds by Shopping!

Parents/Guardians are being urged to log on to the internet to help raise funds for Somersham Primary School.

We have recently signed up with www.easyfundraising.org.uk an innovative website where thousands of people are raising money for charities every time they shop.

By using easyfundraising to access over 3000 well known retailers, savvy shoppers generate a free donation for the good cause of their choice. And as donations can be as much as 15% of the purchase price, we are really hoping that people will log on and support us.

We are keen for as many people as possible to sign up, as in the current financial climate we know that every penny counts so we're not asking people to donate, just to shop online as they normally would. Almost all of us shop online these days so what could be easier than raising funds simply by making the purchases you make anyway?

Featuring over 3000 of the UK's most popular retailers including Amazon, M&S, Argos, Boden, Tesco, John Lewis and many more, easyfundraising has already helped UK causes raise almost £4 million!

To support Somersham Primary School raise essential funds for new equipment for the school, please visit and register at:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/somershamprimary/?t=PTA-UK-li&u=3U5ZQC>



Christmas Fair

Wednesday 19th November 2014

6pm to 8pm

Enjoy your Christmas shopping in style at this year's annual Christmas Fair. This unique Christmas shopping experience has something for all the family to enjoy and will help get your Christmas shopping off to a flying start!

The event highlights include:

- * A visit to Santa's Grotto for the children, where Father Christmas will individually meet the children and give them a small gift.
- * We have some fantastic stalls selling a wide variety of Christmas crafts and gifts. We also have the renowned Christmas hamper raffle to enter.
- * Christmas Performance by Somersham School Choir at 6.20pm

This is a perfect opportunity to choose those special gifts for all the family and enjoy the seasonal atmosphere with a mince pie or two!

If you would like to get involved with the fair by booking a Christmas stall or volunteering to help with the event then please contact pfa@somersham.cambs.sch.uk



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What & Who are the PFA?

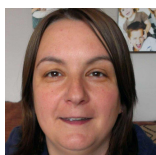
The Parent and Friend Association promotes and supports the school by raising funds for all the additional equipment that enhance the children's school life. As parents/guardians you automatically became members of the PFA when your child joined the school.

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.

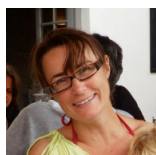
Introducing the PFA Committee



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Vice Chair



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Treasurer



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Secretary



Liz Giglio
200 Club



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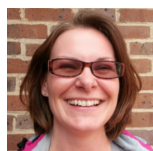
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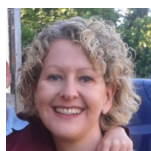
Katie Ixer



Tracy Kendell



Michelle Mann



Nicola Taylor

Staff Committee Members



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/pta.asp>

PFA Committee Meetings

Committee meetings are held half-termly on a Monday evening. Please find the diary dates below if you wish to attend as it would be great to see you there.

8th December 2014

26th January 2015

9th March 2015

27th April 2015

15th June 2015

20th July 2015