



# ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL

## PTA NEWSLETTER - 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011

**Dear Parents of St Nicholas School,**

It has been quite a while since I have written a PTA newsletter and it is hard to believe that we are now in the run up to Christmas. Since my last newsletter (before the summer holidays!) we have had our *AGM*. An overview was given of what the PTA has achieved over the past year and for 2010/2011, over £14,000 was raised for the school. Thank you to everyone who helped to contribute to this figure, either by donating, volunteering or attending one of our events.

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**Annual General Meeting**

It is at the *AGM* that the new committee is voted in and I am pleased to say that Jane Cosgrove has agreed to take the position of Chair for another year with Karen Coxall and Lisa Fraser continuing as joint vice chair. I have also agreed to continue with the role of Treasurer for the forthcoming year. The role of secretary has been jointly taken on by Liz Crighton and Mandy Howick after Sue Murphy stood down after many years in the role.

As always, the PTA is always in need of help and this can be as little or as much as you can spare. We try to keep the number of PTA meetings to a minimum and there is no requirement that you must attend all of the meetings. We always need volunteers for the various events that we run such as Santa's Grotto at the Year 5 Bazaar, the Blue & Yellow stall at the village fair and our biggest fund raiser, the school summer fete. If you would like more information about the PTA then please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Fund Raising**

Although it seems a long time ago now, the school summer fete was really successful. We introduced some new stalls to freshen up the event and over £6,000 was raised on the day.

So far this term, we have had the first school disco, which raised over £1,000. We also held a Race Night and although, disappointingly, less than 30 people attended, we still managed to raise over £500. Imagine what we could have raised if more people had been able to attend. Once again, thank you to Mike Bazely of Bazely Estate agents for purchasing the race pack and manning the bar on the night and to Mandy Howick for organising the event.



For the second year running, Karen Coxall organised the Christmas cards designed by the children. Nearly £500 has been raised which is fantastic although this is a much lower figure than last year which is a great shame as the cards are really lovely.

### Outgoings

Last year, the PTA donated £200 to each year group to spend as they chose. Year 2 have now spent theirs and used it to help fund a visit to a local synagogue last month.



In addition to this, the PTA is funding the Life Bus that has been at the school this week, the entertainers for the children's Christmas parties and the crackers for the Christmas lunch.

Future outgoings will include replacing all of the projectors and sound systems in the Hallam block, purchasing Lego for a lunchtime Lego construction club run by Mr Reynolds, K-nex sets for another lunchtime club and additional chess sets.

We have also agreed to donate some funds towards planned special events for the Diamond Jubilee next year - details to be announced at a later date.

### PTA Calendar

Date	Event	Comments
8 <sup>th</sup> December 2011	Music Night	A bar will be available during the interval.
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2011	Panto Night	A bar will be available during the interval.
January 2012	PTA Meeting	
January 2012	Quiz Night	Come and test that grey matter!
3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2012	School Disco	

Best regards  
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Wishing you a very  
 Happy Christmas