

# PTA NEWS

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

December 2015



Dear parents

We are now coming to the end of a very successful first term of the PTA year. We have packed a lot in so far with Teddy Bear picnics, cake sales, a quiz night, Santa's letters, Christmas card designs, Eco Kids collection – and of course a little event by the name of the Christingle Fair!

Check out our highlights below. and we wish you a very happy Christmas.

With best wishes,

The PTA Committee

## QUIZ NIGHT ANTICS

As usual Alison Stawarz put on a blinder of a quiz night and the hall was packed out with parents – we had to say we were SOLD OUT due to the popularity of our quiz, which took place on a Friday for the first time - probably the reason for the party atmosphere! We were glad we stocked up on prosecco, as it was flowing. The Golden Chip in Hanwell did an amazing job delivering 90 portions of fish and chips piping hot for everyone to enjoy. One of the highlights of the night was seeing each team design and make outfits from newspaper, and send their models down the catwalk after a quick masterclass from Louise Sewell – priceless. To view the video go to our Facebook page 'Christ the Saviour PTA'

The winning team – 'Win at All Costs' (and they did) won the coveted CtS cup presented by John Bishop from Colin Bibra, who also donated some fabulous raffle prizes. We raised **£860** net.



## CHRISTMAS CARDS

We hope those parents who have received their children's cards are happy with them. There were some fantastic designs produced.

This year there has been some confusion over the ordering process. We know some parents believed that paying via ParentPay confirmed their order so they did not then return the order form. This has resulted in a few orders not being processed and whilst

we tried very hard to place a late order for these cards we could not do so due to the company closing their website. We know that this is disappointing, and refunds will be made. We are also looking at the process and will come up with a simpler solution for next year. With thanks to Bethan Pearce for managing the project. We will confirm the total raised as soon as we have reconciled the refunds.

## FUNDRAISING SO FAR

Our accounts will be fully reconciled over the Christmas break, but we estimate that we have raised over **£5,000** net so far this year.

## ECO KIDS COLLECTION

Lou Murgatroyd and Lou Sewell have been hard at work again, and, thanks to your clothing donations, we have managed to collect half a tonne of clothing. We are awaiting advice of our fundraising result, but this is looking like a fantastic collection – thank you!



## CAKE SALES

Our cake sales across year 1, then years 3 and 4 at the Christingle Fair have so far raised **£582** so thank you to Gemma Gosling and Neomie Copeland and all their helpers for their really hard work.

## SANTA'S LETTERS

The PTA elves have been super busy on the production line, helping Santa with letters and reindeer food. Look out for them in the post and via book bags. They will arrive in good time before we break up. If your child has not received their letter by early this week, please contact us on [christthesaviourpta@mail.com](mailto:christthesaviourpta@mail.com) so we can discuss with Santa. We have raised **£308**.



# CHRISTINGLE FAIR

Now for the highlight of the year so far: the Christingle Fair! We have had such amazing feedback from this event, and we are chuffed to bits with how it went. We had the Great and Main Hall this year, as well as a totally separate area for Santa's Grotto. There was Christmas music, the smell of mulled wine and mince pies, children making their Christingles, spending time in the crafts area, and trying their luck on the many stalls we had.

Santa's waiting area by the grotto showed films for the children and all was calm before the most important visit to Santa. Look out for your child's photo in the playgrounds this week.

The House Captains were brilliant running their own stalls and in this category, St John the Baptist (green) won with their popular stall – Hot Chocolate, festooned with cream and marshmallows. They raised around £170.

What bowled us over most was the number of wonderful helpers who turned up on the day ready to spring into action for a 3pm start. The amount of pre-planning was really worth it as they could easily set up stalls in a short time frame.

Our raffle prizes were brilliant with the star prize of an iPad mini being donated by Colin Bibra.

It is difficult to thank people individually for fear of missing people however there are a few whom we would like to give a special mention to:

Bethan Pearce for the amazing grotto area and her help and innovation with stalls and props.

Tara Bramwell and her team for raffle ticket pre-sales and being super-organized on their stall on the day too. This was by far the biggest money earner for us.

## CTS FUNDRAISER PUDDINGS



**It's not too late to get hold of your delicious CtS puddings...** though you'll have to get there ahead of Mr Prentice, as he's quite partial to them. They are made by the people who supply puddings to Fortnum & Mason and Harvey Nichols. Choose from sticky toffee, triple chocolate, and traditional plum. At 3 for £15, or £5.50 each, they make great Christmas gifts or a naughty treat for a night in. Look out for playground sales, or buy after the advent carol services this week. If you aren't going to be around, email us on [christthesaviourpta@mail.com](mailto:christthesaviourpta@mail.com) to arrange a convenient delivery/pick-up and payment.

Rachelle Simpson for her help with the raffle prizes as well as other volunteer help in the run up to the event itself.

Debbie Murrell and Leonie Joseph for negotiating with Tesco to secure supplies for our mulled wine and mince pie stall.

The Treasury Team: Peter May, treasurer, and his team of assistant treasurers, Mark Beastall, Michelle Harvey and Riffat Mushtaq, for their slick operation.

We also want to say a massive thank you to all the class reps, volunteers, children and parents who attended as well as the teachers and senior leadership team for their help in planning and on the day. We even had Mr Sedeghat rushing out to buy more sweets for the stalls!

We haven't quite sorted all the numbers out yet but currently we have raised around **£2,800** net.

We would like to wish you all a peaceful Christmas and New Year. We will be back in the new year with our full events calendar to share with you – watch out for some new events as well as the usual favourites.



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