

October 2013

Park Hill Parents' Association



Following our AGM on the 3rd October, below is your new Committee for the 2013/14 school year:

Chair:

Rachael Costello
mum of David and Evie in Year 6 & Year 4

Secretary:

Melissa Gardner & Eva Baynes
mum of Eve and Mia in Year 6 & Year 4

Treasurer:

Cathy Weir
mum of Lucy in Year 5

Uniform:

Amanda Johnson
mum of Emma in Year 5

Communications:

Patty Clayton
mum of George in Year 5

While these volunteers have specific roles to play, we are always in need of parents to support the PA. This can be as simple as suggesting fundraising or social activities, helping to organise and run events, joining working parties and generally supporting the PA activities through attendance or donations of prizes, etc. If you can help with some of the PA activities please feel free to contact us directly or via the office.

In addition to electing a new committee, we reviewed the activities which took place and the accounts for 2012/13 were signed off.

In total, PA activities raised over **£4,500** last year – a big **Thank You** goes out to all the parents who helped and supported our fundraising activities! We spent the money on First News subscriptions, coaches to the pantomime, a Visualiser, Power of Reading books and the new playground equipment.

Upcoming Events

Bingo Night Thurs 7th November
£2 entry 6:30 – 8:00pm

Book Fair
11th Nov – 14th Nov

Parents' Evening Refreshments

Mon 11th Nov 3:30 – 6:30pm
Thu 14th Nov 6:00 – 8:30pm

Christmas Cards Mon 21st October
Deadline for return of designs to school office

Christmas Gift Wrap Mon 11th November
Deadline for orders to be returned to school office

Christmas Fair Sat 30th November
2:00 – 4:00pm

Christmas Disco Thurs 19th December
£2 entry 6:30 – 8:00pm

Uniform Orders

The PA sell both new and pre-owned uniform, managed by some of our parent volunteers. To reduce the amount of time dedicated to this activity, we are streamlining the ordering process to a 'once-termly' system.

Reminders will be sent out near the end of each term for parents/carers to place orders. We will then aim to send uniform home with children during the last week of each term.

All orders received before 1st October will be delivered next week.

The next deadline for Christmas delivery will be 22nd November. We will continue to hold a limited amount of stock for 'urgent' orders (i.e. new starters).

Any donations of good quality pre-owned uniform are always welcome and can be given to the school office.

Fundraising 2013/14

Let's get ready for Christmas!!

We have arranged some exciting fundraising activities to help get everyone ready for Christmas!

Christmas Cards

You will already have received the details and order form for personalised Christmas cards and no doubt have your children busy creating super designs for your cards!

Please make sure to follow the artwork guidelines provided so the designs are shown off to their best advantage.

Don't forget that the deadline for designs and order forms is **Monday 21st October**.

These need to be returned to the school office (not to your child's teacher).

Christmas Gift Wrap

To supplement your Christmas preparations, you can also order your holiday gift wrap and accessories from the brochures arriving home this week! Not only does this mean one less trip to the shops for wrapping paper, but the PA receives 22% cash back from all orders! Samples of the paper can be seen in the school office.

All orders to be returned by **Monday 11th November** to the school office.

Christmas Fair

This year we will be holding a Christmas Fair in school on **Saturday 30th November, 2pm-4pm**. The event will be full of original craft and gift stalls, perfect for selecting presents and getting everyone into the festive spirit! The PA will run a small cafe selling refreshments. There will also be performances from the Glee Club in the hall to add to the festive feel!

If you would like the opportunity to be part of this fun and festive event and help raise much needed funds for our school, you can rent a stall for just £12.

Registration forms are available from the school office and should be returned by **8th November** with your payment.

Volunteers needed

For all of our planned events to run successfully, and to minimise the time commitment for volunteers, the PA aim to set up 'Working Parties' to organise and run events.

At the moment, the following events need volunteers. All offers of help will be gratefully received – even if only for 30 minutes!!

Book Fair

Helpers needed each day to set up and put away displays and to organise orders at end of week.

Parents' Evening Refreshments

Helpers needed for both parents' evenings to serve refreshments, set up and clean up. Typically, each volunteer takes a 30 minute slot.

Christmas Fair

Volunteers needed for working party. Duties will include set up of hall, coordinate rental of stalls, serve refreshments, clear up.

Christmas Disco

Helpers needed to work on the door, supervise, serve refreshments, sell glow sticks, set up and tidy up at the end of the night.

Please let us know if you can help – either in person or via the office.

Match-funding

The PA is a registered charity (Number 1043652). Many companies now operate gift-matching schemes. When an employee makes a gift or simply helps at an event of a registered charity, the company may match this donation or amount raised in full or in part. To find out if your company operates such a scheme and to obtain a copy of their gift-matching form, please contact your Human Resources or Personnel Department.

Last year we received £500 in gift match from Cadburys/Kraft and National Grid in relation to our fund raising activities. With your help we could get more!

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