

# Newsletter



January 2014

## New Year's Resolutions...

[PA meetings - 1st Wednesday of each month!](#)

Welcome to the first edition of the PA newsletter for 2014.

I'm sure most of you have made some New Year's resolutions; to get fitter, lose weight, take up a new hobby or maybe all of the above. Have you thought about giving a little of your time this year to help your PA raise funds for the little extra things that make your child's time in school so much more special? There are many ways you can help; actively by becoming part of the committee and attending our regular

monthly meetings, volunteering at events (see Doodle Poll page 2), or offering a specific skill, it can be as much or as little as you like. Please do complete the reply form at the back of this newsletter and return to school by the 28th February, all entries will be entered into a prize draw for a Family Portrait Voucher worth £80.



Last term the PA raised lots of money, £2,478.97, whilst having a lot of fun along the way, just take a look at the back page!

Please get involved this year, your reps are listed on Page 2 and your elected committee is:

Chair: Rachael Costello

Treasurer: Cathy Weir

Secretaries: Eva Baynes and Melissa Gardner

Uniform: Amanda Johnson

Many thanks,

*Rachael*

Special points of interest:

- Match funding
- Doodle Polls
- Like us on Facebook

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- New Events

## Spring Term Dates for your Diary:

Movie Night	Wednesday 22nd January
Valentines Disco	Thursday 13th February
Cake Sale	TBC
Quiz Night	8th March
Easter Hampers	24th March -11th April
Mother's Day Gift Shop	28th March
Spring Clear Out Sale	Saturday 10th May
Bags For Schools	w/c 12th May

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## Movie Night for children

A first for the PA, we are showing Despicable Me 2 on Wednesday 22nd January.

Starting straight after school at 3:15pm. Prior booking is essential.



### Despicable Me 2

Please send your choices (popcorn or crisps and a fruit shoot or water) into school with £3, the deadline for entries is Monday 20th.

Can parents please collect promptly at 5:15pm from the main entrance and please do not park in the staff car park .

Don't forget to bring a cushion along!

An annual PA event, parents will be pleased to note a date has been set for the ever popular Quiz night - Saturday 8th March !

A fun filled evening including a fish & chip supper this is a really successful fundraiser.

## Quiz Night for adults

Our PA staffed bar ensures brain cells are well lubricated and answers become more and more animated as the night goes on! This is one event not to miss. So, start brushing up on your trivia and think about putting a team together. Flyers will be out shortly with more information.



## Your Class Reps

Greville	Karen Thomas, Trish Green
Dudley	Zoe D'Souza, Clare Crofts
Catesby	Mary Barrett, Lucy Harding
Fawkes	Ruth Townsend, Katy Coe
Eliot	Marie Luxmoore, Louise McKinney
Shakespeare	Elaine Carr, Em Dilley
Godiva	Helen Baynham, Clare Talbot, Jo Watts
Leofric	Melissa Gardner, Julia Foster

“Your point of contact for fundraising ideas, they will be in touch shortly!”

## Doodle Poll

This year we have had great success in using Doodle Polls to recruit helpers for events. Simply sign up to our emails and you will receive a link to the events we need volunteers for.

There is a brief description of the type of help required and time slots to sign up to, simply

put in your name and check against the time you can help and we will be in touch.



As it's in spreadsheet format you are also able to see who else has offered and at what

time, really helpful if you need to arrange childcare cover with a friend. Using this format you are only committing to a specific time, ensuring those problems of volunteering for an event meaning you are there for the duration are avoided!

See back page for more info.

## Colourful Easter Hampers

This is a new idea for fundraising which has worked wonderfully well in other primary schools.

Colourful Easter hampers will be created by each class and will be based on a particular colour of the rainbow. We will need your help to create these fantastic prize hampers by donating small items in the colour theme of your child's class. Ideas include sweets, chocolates, toiletries, biscuits, wine, non-perishable food items, or any other small gift e.g. small soft toy, key ring, drinks bottle.

The hampers will be in each classroom in the following colours:

Greville	Red
Dudley	Orange
Fawkes	Yellow
Catesby	Purple
Eliot	Blue
Shakespeare	Pink
Godiva	Green
Leofric	Turquoise/ Aqua

The donated items will be used to make the hampers which will then be raffled at the last Celebration Assembly before the Easter holidays. Raffle tickets will be sold at school in the week before the assembly.

We really do need your help to make the raffle a success. The children will really enjoy filling the hampers and it will be fun for them to see so many lovely prizes being won in school.

A letter containing further details and dates will be sent out shortly.

## PA to PTA—we need your help!

Park Hill has historically always had a Parents' Association (PA), as a committee we wouldn't be able to run as successfully without the help, advice and assistance of the teaching and support staff at school. A member of the senior leadership team attends most, if not all, of our meetings, teaching staff call the bingo numbers for us and lead

Glee performances at our Christmas Fair and support staff really help with the administration, sending out newsletters and helping with photocopying, etc.

With this in mind we would like to change our name to the PTA, giving them the recognition they deserve.

We need your help to design a

new Park Hill PTA logo, to replace the PA logo on the front of this newsletter.

Please send your entries into school marked PTA logo, with your name by the 28th February. Competition is open to both adults and children!

The winning design will receive a small prize and the knowledge that we will use their logo EVERYWHERE!!

## 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 ac-

tivities.

With your help we could get more, it costs nothing to ask!



**nationalgrid**

# Events so far this year!

## Christmas Disco



## Book Fair



Refreshments

## Christmas Fair



## Christmas Cards and Gift Wrap



## Reply Form – Prize Draw for all replies by 28/2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Class \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a skill the PA could use from time to time (it may only be once a term/year but invaluable!)? For example; newsletter writing, health and safety, first aiders, printing, graphic design, publishing, website administration, DJ, gardening, artistic, sports, etc?

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What events would you like to see in the future (new or repeated)?

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What would you like the PA to spend the money raised on?

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Any other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you!