



PTA News

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 3 Nov 5pm
Bonfire + firework
extravaganza

Mon 26 Nov 7pm
PTA AGM followed by
fundraising and event
planning for 2018/19



We're starting the year with a bang!

We hope you've had a great first half of the autumn term, it's certainly flown by! The PTA has been really busy since we came back in September. After an incredibly successful year in 2017/18 we're delighted that after half-term new sets of iPads and Chromebooks will be in school available for classes to use. We were able to do this after a year of events, which so many of you came to and supported. We were able to fund this new equipment - THANK YOU!

This time last year the PTA almost didn't continue because we didn't have enough support. We were a very a small team of parents and teachers and it wasn't sustainable. We're grateful that all changed in January when we asked for help and got it! But we still need your support. If we want to keep up this level of fundraising (and fun) we need more people to lend a hand, it doesn't have to be a lot, every little helps.

Next month we'll be having our AGM where we'll be re-electing our committee and making plans for this next year, including our event schedule. We'll also be considering what our fundraising should be for. We'd love it if you could be there, even if it's just to listen and have a slice of cake. Here's to the start of a great year - let's start it with a bang.

PTA Committee

FUNDRAISING IN 2017/18

Last year we raised

£11,789.58!!

We've used some of the funds to purchase:

**12 iPad 6 with wifi for
KS1/Foundation**

(£3,632.64)

**18 Chromebooks for
KS2**

(£3,909.96)

The Smartie Tubes alone helped us buy new STEM equipment

So what is the PTA anyway?

Our Parent Teacher Association (also known as Friends of South Cave School) is a registered charity run by parents of children and South Cave Primary School. We are all volunteers who give our time, alongside a number of teachers at school, to organise events and fundraise to enrich the lives of the children who attend school in our village.

We're all busy parents. We don't have loads of free time to offer, but we find that if we all give a little, the sum ends up being greater than the parts. We work hard but we have fun along the way. It's a great way to meet other parents and some of the teachers at school, to make new friends and have a laugh, all while raising money to benefit our children. We meet each month, usually on a Monday at 7.30pm in the Community Room at school, when we discuss the events we're planning. We normally set up a separate event group - a team to organise an event - which normally meets in the pub, or in the playground after drop off, whatever works to help get the event done, and done well.

We've got lots of ideas about what we'd like to do next and we'd love for you to be a part of it. If you enjoy crafting, baking or planning, or if you'd be happy selling tickets or glow sticks at a disco, that would be great - we need you! Even lending a hand for half an hour each term is a huge help.

We'd love to see you at our next meeting.

PTA INCOME FOR YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

Comedy Night	£581.72
Christmas Children's Disco	£671.13
Teddy Bears' Picnic	£41.11
Christmas Cards	£783.63
Spring Children's Disco	£311.07
Easter Fair	£2,249.87
Spring Ball	£4,717.16
Summer Children's Disco	£560.80
Ice cream	£401.39
Easyfundraising	£426.68
Interest	£3.51
Donation from school	£367.76
Smartie Tubes	£673.75
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CHRISTMAS CARDS

You'll soon be receiving the Christmas card designs your children have created - make sure you get your orders in - they're great to give to friends and family.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Collect free donations every time you shop using [easyfundraising.org](https://www.easyfundraising.org) You can make a big difference on everything from groceries to getaways - a simple way to raise money on items you're already buying.

GET IN TOUCH, STAY INFORMED

If you have any ideas about what we should raise fund for or what events we should organise this year - we'd love to know! For more information, follow us on Facebook, email friends@southcaveprimary.co.uk or speak to one of us in the playground.

Facebook: Friends of South Cave School