

# PTFA NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2011

Welcome back to everyone following the summer break - which now seems like a lifetime ago!! May I take this opportunity to welcome the new children and parents to the school and hope that you are settling in well.

For those of you who are not aware, the PTFA (Parent, Teachers & Friends) meet every one to two months and plan a series of events/activities for the children and parents in order to raise funds to improve school life. You may have noticed the addition of the tyre park to the school yard which has been funded by the PTFA, so may I take the time to thank everyone who attends the meetings, help to plan activities, runs the stalls at the Easter Fair and Christmas Fair and finally a big thank you to everyone who attends and supports the events.

The current committee consists of:

**Chair:** Alison Bell (Mum to Dylan in Year 3)  
**Treasurer:** Sally Hutchings (Mum to Charlotte in Year 5 and Sebastian in Year 2)  
**Secretary:** Catherine Wardle (Mum to Georgia in Year 4 and Jack in Year 3)

Just while the subject of the committee has been raised, the AGM for the PTFA is 8<sup>th</sup> November and a new committee will be elected. If you are interested in holding one of the positions, please speak to one of the committee members or alternatively Helen Penketh in the school office. Everyone is welcome at the meetings and we look forward to seeing some new faces at the next meeting. **8<sup>th</sup> November - 7.30pm - in the main school building.**

## WHAT IS NEXT ON THE PTFA AGENDA?



### Clothing Collection

A collection will be taking place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

So you will have plenty of time to have an 'Autumn clean'. W H Tracey in Bury, will collect clothes, handbags, belts, shoes, bedding (not duvets), curtains and books. The school is paid per tonne. The bags can be brought to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 3.30pm and Friday morning.



### Christmas Fair

There is a change to this event for the first time, so we hope you will all join in and enjoy the evening.

On the afternoon of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, the children may come to school in their 'party clothes'. They will be having a disco in the afternoon and entertainment will be provided by the fantastic clown Louby Lou.

The school yard will be transformed in the evening into a 'German Market'. We will be having mulled wine, hot chocolate, great food, stalls and a visit from the big man himself - Father Christmas. As this is a new idea, a lot of organising is required, if anyone is able to offer any assistance or wants to run a stall during the evening please let the school office know. Further details are to follow very soon.



## Calendars

A letter was sent out last week regarding sponsorship for the school calendar. This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year of production and a firm favourite with the children, parents and teachers. The children are busy 'drawing self portraits' to place on the calendar.

It is not possible to produce this without receiving company sponsorship, so if you are able to sponsor a page, please complete and return the slip with the £50 by the end of the week.



## Christmas Puddings

The ordering of these was introduced for the first time last year as an idea by a new parent to the PTFA. Due to their success, we are going to be placing an order again this year. The puddings are truly delicious and are packaged with the BCPS logo. They make lovely Christmas presents. Order forms will be going out shortly with a view to placing the order after the half-term break.

## Movie Show

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

Back by popular demand. This event is open to children from Reception through to Year 6. The Movie will be decided by the School Council. Details to follow.....



## Diamond Ball

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Marriott Hotel, Worsley**

This is a fantastic opportunity to get on your glad rags and enjoy a fabulous evening of entertainment, food and wine. The tickets are going to be priced at £42.50 or £400 for a table of 10. So why not encourage your family and friends to come along.

We hope to have at least one table representing each of the year groups within school, so it is an ideal opportunity to relax and get together.

Make a night of it and stay over. The Marriott are offering us a reduced rate on bed and breakfast.

## **WHAT ARE WE GOING TO RAISE MONEY FOR?**

BCPS requested that we try to raise funds to buy the team a football kit. The priority of the PTFA is to raise funds to provide this kit. Alternatively, if you, or your business, would like to sponsor the kit, please speak to Mrs Dean.

We welcome ideas from both children and parents, so if there is something that you would like adding to the 'Wish List', please speak to any of the PTFA committee or the School Office.

Thank you for your support and taking time to read this newsletter.

Please remember to make a note in your diary of the forthcoming events.