



St Anne's CofE VA Primary School PTFA Newsletter

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Your PTFA Committee

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Welcome

Welcome to our first PTFA Newsletter. We recently had our AGM and were asked to provide more information to parents, so here it is!

To start with **PTFA** stands for **Parent, Teachers and Friends Association** and you become a member as soon as your child has joined St Anne's.

As a Voluntary Aided (VA) Primary School, St Anne's buildings are owned by the Diocese of Bath and Wells and we receive our funding for buildings and maintenance from the Diocese of Bath and Wells, not North Somerset Council like Voluntary Controlled (VC) or Community Primary Schools.

The PTFA and the Governing Body of St Anne's are combining forces to raise income for the school to pay for the "nice to haves" and also towards our buildings funds. Every £1 that the school raises the Diocese of Bath and Wells will give us £9 towards our buildings maintenance and development.

The events that we have organised will generate funds, 70% will go towards PTFA "nice to haves" purchases and 30% towards the buildings maintenance and development.

Events coming up

We have a brand new event for St Anne's PTFA – our **Swishing Evening on Monday 18th May @West Wick**. Tickets are available from the School Offices and PTFA Committee members. The evening is an opportunity to donate good quality clothes, shoes or accessories and then you are free to choose something of interest from what others have offered. Value does not come into the equation, swappers do not necessarily get an item of equal value and are free to choose anything that the other person is offering (without having to pay). Join us at 6.00pm, then let the fun begin!



Our **Summer Fete** will be on **Saturday 4th July @Hewish**, time to be confirmed.



The PTFA are hosting the new Reception children's **Teddy Bear's Picnic on Friday 10th July, 1.30-2.30pm @Hewish**.

LADIES NIGHT

We are also planning a **Ladies Night** for **Friday 16th October**

@West Wick. More details to come after the Summer holidays, so keep a look out on website, Facebook and your email inbox!

Facebook



St Anne's PTFA Committee has its own Facebook group page which is used for discussions and planning of events at the school.

It's a great way of keeping up to date with what is going on with the PTFA and contributing your ideas. Search for St Anne's PTFA on Facebook and request to join the group, it really couldn't be easier!

Easyfundraising

Are you using easyfundraising.org.uk for your online shopping yet? Do your online shopping and fundraise for the PTFA at the same time – it's really so easy! Each time you make an online purchase through the site, it raises money for the PTFA, and doesn't cost you a penny extra. So please sign up as a user, select **Friends of St Anne's Primary School**, and make this your favourite entry site for all your online shopping. There are over 2,700 retailers registered with the site, including Amazon, John Lewis, eBay and Tesco, who will donate a percentage of what you spend to St Anne's PTFA to say thank you for shopping with them.

Don't forget to download the easyfundraising Find & Remind tool bar to remind you whenever you visit a website that donates money when you shop. There is now also a free easyfundraising app for iPad and iPhone, so you can shop and raise money while on the go.

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What we've raised

The PTFA raised a figure of £2029.26 between Sept 2013 and Aug 2014, and were donated £1000. The accumulated funds raised £5275 and were used to pay for a new kitchen at Hewish in December 2014.

Net funds raised year to date from September 2014 total £1457.52.

The school have suggested that funds raised could be used for a 'computing pot'. Enhancing the technology over the next few years, would provide both school campuses with a much needed school resource. There is £1000 currently available to spend.

Get Involved!

This is a really exciting time to get involved with the PTFA.

It is great to see some new fundraising suggestions coming through, but we do rely on volunteers to make these ideas happen as we are a very small team. We are always thrilled to see new faces at our meetings and have a few social nights out planned in the next few months, which are a great way to get to know everyone outside of meetings. So please keep an eye out on Facebook for those and we look forward to seeing you there or at one of our committee meetings soon.

Our next meeting

Come along to our next PTFA meeting. It will be at 6.30pm on 2nd June @ West Wick.