



St Anne's CofE VA Primary School PTFA Newsletter

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Your PTFA Committee

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Welcome

Welcome to our second PTFA Newsletter, especially to all our new families at Hewish, West Wick and in our Nursery. We'd like to thank our new PTFA volunteers for attending the meetings this week and offering your support. If anyone else can spare any time on the evening of the fair to help, please let us know!

Events coming up

Friday 20th November – 7.30pm, Quiz Night @West Wick. Tickets on sale from school offices, £5 each, which includes nibbles. Maximum of 8 people in a team

Friday 27th November – 6.00pm-8.00pm, Christmas Fayre @West Wick.

This week your child will be bringing home two things for the Christmas fair. Each child will have one book of raffle tickets for you to purchase or sell to others. Should you need any more books please ask at the office. Any unsold books should be given back to the office before the day of the fair (27th November). Each child will also have a white paper bag to decorate at home in a Christmas theme (there will be prizes for the best design) please fill it with toys/sweets etc.. to be sold at the

fair. Bags need to be back at school by the morning of 23rd November for designs to be judged!

We will also be having a dress down/mufti day on Friday 27th November. In return, we ask that children come to school with a prize to use on our tombola game at the Christmas fair (chocolates, wine, gift sets, new toys, toiletry sets etc.)

Saturday 28th November – Cupcake Workshop @West Wick. Tickets cost £19.50 and include all the equipment, cakes and fun!

Christmas Cards and Gifts – the very last day for your orders is Friday 20th November, please complete your order promptly and make cheques payable to Friends of St Anne's.

Recent Events

We were so lucky with the weather for our Summer Fete way back in June. It really was glorious and enabled us to raise over £1000.

Our first Quiz Night in July and was a real laugh and we raised over £300.

Our Ladies Night on Friday 16th October @West Wick was incredibly successful, thank you to everyone for their support as you helped us to raise over £1000.

Your support is very much appreciated and has meant we have been able to purchase for the school 9 mini iPads, which are already being used!

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

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At this time of year, many of us start thinking about Christmas shopping! (Black Friday is 27th November) please if you favour online shopping could you register with easyfundraising.org.uk? As this will 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.

Background

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 fund. 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.

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 we 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.

Businesses - if you have your own business or work for a company that would be able to donate a prize for our fair, please let us know.

Let's see if we can raise a record amount this Christmas and purchase lots more computer equipment for our school to use. Thanks in advance from St Anne's PTFA.