



Etwall Primary School PTFA Newsletter

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Autumn 2016

Dear Etwall Primary School PTFA member,



Welcome to our Autumn Term Newsletter.

Firstly with the start to the new school year I would like to welcome our new members. As a parent of a child in the school you are automatically a member of the PTFA. The PTFA is the school's fundraising group. Our aim is to supplement the school both socially and financially and we do this through various school and village fundraising activities.

We had another busy end to the last school year. The Summer Disco, Recycling Day, Summer Fair, and the new Music Festival raised over £3,400. A great end to the year. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to organise and run the events, and also to those who supported the events.



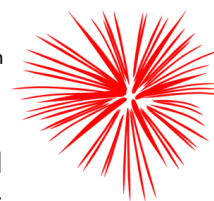
During last term we funded an outdoor table tennis table, the magician workshop, the Year 6 leavers T-shirts, a new travelling teddy for Reception, outside tables, and a wildlife camera. We also have money available to fund a defibrillator and a new hall projector which hopefully will arrive soon.

All the money we raise goes to support the children. If you are able to help out it is greatly appreciated. Please see the back page for **Upcoming events**.

We have a number of events coming up this year, these are included in this newsletter. This term we plan to hold:-

The annual Etwall Fireworks Display at the Cricket Club on Friday 4th November. Advance tickets will be available through the school.

Filmscene will be visiting the school to hold a Film Night straight after school on 12th October. The film will start at 4.00pm. It is a family event so tickets are also available for parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents ...



In the run up to Christmas we have the children's Christmas disco, the café for the Key Stage 1 Nativity plays, Christmas Cards, Secret Santa, and the Christmas Hamper raffle.

As you can see there is quite a lot going on. These events can only take place if we have enough volunteers. Due to children leaving the school we have seen our core team of regular volunteers reduce from 25 to around 8 people in the last 18 months. This year's Summer Fair only went ahead with help of ex-pupils' parents and pupils from John Port School volunteering their time.

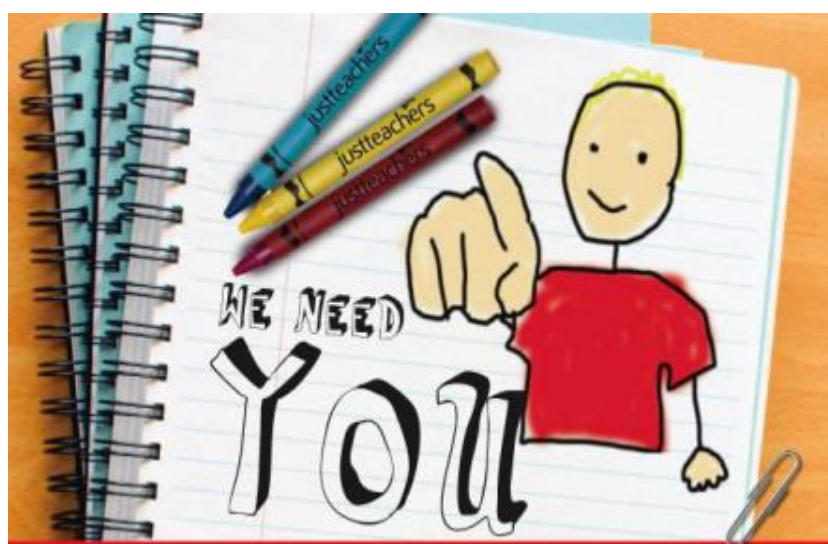
Our next committee meeting is planned for **Wednesday 2nd November 6.30pm at the Spread Eagle**. All members are welcome, please do not worry if you cannot make it for the start of the meeting.

We are also holding a "Meet the PTFA" evening at the **Spread Eagle at 8.00pm on Wednesday 28th September**. This will be an informal night where you can meet other parents and find out what the PTFA is all about. I look forward to meeting you there.

If you have any questions, or would like to get in touch with feedback or suggestions, our PTFA email address is etwallpta@gmail.com.

Hope to see you soon,

Richard Davies
PTFA Chair



Etwall's First Family Music Festival

The bands were booked, the stage was expertly put together, and the weather turned up...what a day it was!

On the last Sunday before we broke up for the summer holidays we teamed up with the Etwall Cricket Club and held our first Family Music Festival. This event fits in with our strategy to raise funds from outside our school community by running events that attract people from the wider village community, similar to our fireworks display.



We had 5 bands performing, four which had links to our school.

We opened with the clarinet ensemble, **Clarismatic**. Those sharp eyed amongst you would have spotted our own Miss Cox from Little Owls playing away.

We then had **Darren Cadman and Friends**. Darren is

probably the most popular man in the village by the number of friends he had up playing.

Darren was followed by **The Excuses** playing some great anthems, you can't beat a bit of Killers. Duncan on the drums has children in the school.

Next up was **Raindogs**. Another great band, Simon on the drums is the husband of Mrs Holmes who taught at the school last year.

And we finished with a bit of rock from **Martial Law**.

At one stage we were streaming live to the world via Facebook!



The day surpassed all my expectations for a first event. We had around 400 adults and children come through the gates, and we raised just under £3,000 which is shared equally between ourselves and the Cricket Club.

Special thanks to a few people who helped to put the festival together. Andy Preston for providing the Portaloos, Steve Phillips who provided the generator. The guys from Martial Law who provided the sound system and, along with Duncan Mercer and Simon Holmes, provided advice on how to put this thing together.

I would also like to thank all of the volunteers on the day who ran the BBQ, the sweet stall, and importantly the bar and the Pimms tent.



If you enjoyed the bands contact details are below. We are already planning to hold this event again on 16th July 2017. I have ordered the weather....!

Richard Davies

Clarismatic	–Call 01283 543066 – email: clairismatic5@googlemail.com
The Excuses	–Call 07970 666 181– email: duncan.mercer@oranet.co.uk – http://www.facebook.com/DerbyExcuses
Raindogs	–email: raindogslive@gmail.com also on Facebook
Martial Law	–Call Jack Clarke on 07522 417854 also web page: martiallawband.co.uk

The music festival is also on Youtube ...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFiHeoiq_k4

Or search for Martial Law at Etwall cricket club



Summer Fair 2016

Again this year the Summer Fair was a great success. Thanks to the volunteers who organised and ran the various activities, and to all who turned up to support the event. Weather was perfect again.



The Summer Fair is one of our main events and is the one that takes the most organising. It provides a significant contribution to our annual fund raising. This year we raised just under £1,500, a little down on the previous year but a significant amount nevertheless. The money was raised approximately equally from the raffle, the kitchen, and the games.

Thanks to Lina Iankov, Jenny Silvester, Val Hobson, Kirsty Foley, Andy Kirke, Liz Murphy and Lindsay Haynes for leading the various organising tasks.



Thanks also to Soccerstars who provided the football shooting game, and to Inflatamania who provided free hire of the bouncy castle.

For the first time, unfortunately, we were at risk of not getting enough volunteers to fully run the event. So a huge thank you goes to the parents of ex-pupils who found themselves roped in, and to nine John Port School pupils who volunteered to run many of the games.

We are planning to run this event again next year, however, we will be asking for volunteers earlier than normal to enable the organising team to plan the event in line with the number of volunteers that come forward. Aspects of the fair that will run next year will depend on the commitment from us all, as parents of the school & PTFA members, to **get involved** and give some time.





Please support our school lottery at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk. Joining is very easy, just visit the website and search for Etwall. It is a weekly lottery draw every Saturday evening and tickets cost £1 per week. 40% of all ticket sales come to the PTFA, 30% forms the guaranteed local prize to be won by a supporter of Etwall Primary School PTFA—it could be you! Every ticket has a further chance of winning £25,000 in a separate draw.

Our first 5 winners won £20 each, but ticket sales have fallen over the summer. The committee hopes that the community will support the lottery again as we start a new school year.

Thank you to Tracy Stanynought, our last winner, for donating her prize money to the PTFA.

Give it a try—and Good Luck!

Lina Iankov



Upcoming Events:

Come along to a social event to meet some parents and the PTFA. Learn about the school and the events that happen there. Great opportunity for new parents to ask questions!

Spread Eagle

28th September

From 8pm—join us when you can.

Event	Date
Meet the PTFA Night	28 September 2016
Film Night	12 October 2016
PTFA committee meeting	02 November 2016
Fireworks	04 November 2016
Christmas Disco	28 November 2016
KS1 Nativity Play	05 December 2016
KS1 Nativity Play	06 December 2016
Reception Nativity Play	07 December 2016
Secret Santa	09 December 2016
Christmas class hamper raffle	12 December 2016
PTFA AGM & committee meeting	24 January 2017
Quiz & Chips night	TBA February 2017
Film Night	07 February 2017
First Aid Course	09/10 February 2017
Chocolate Bingo	31 March 2017
PTFA committee meeting	24 April 2017
Well Dressing Boards in Lake	TBA May 2017
Well Dressing	20—22 May 2017
Summer disco	07 June 2017
New Parents Evening	13 June 2017
Sports Day	23 June 2017
PTFA committee meeting	28 June 2017
Summer fair	07 July 2017
Music Festival	16 July 2017