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PTA Update Oct 2015

It has been another fantastic year of fundraising – we made a total net profit of £12,600 this year so huge thanks to all for your support and generosity.

15th September PTA AGM

This year the PTA officers are:

Chair – Sarah Mills

Secretary – Joanne Smith and Emma Rush

Treasurer – Paula Seagers

Raffle and Publicity – Elishia Nicholls

Thanks to all who attended the AGM, it was a fantastic turnout and lovely to see some new faces. I am happy to announce we have a new Chair – Sarah Mills and new Secretaries - Jo Smith and Emma Rush. Thanks to Paula and Elisha for remaining as Treasurer and Raffle and Publicity officer. Thanks also to Bettina Ellis-Klar for being Secretary last year and for remaining our Digital Service Officer. We can look forward to a great year with a fantastic combination of new ideas and experience!

For the AGM minutes please follow the link:

<http://tinyurl.com/PTA-Mins>

Could you help?

All parents and teachers are members of the PTA. You do not have to become a committee member to attend meetings or volunteer for events. If you would like to be part of what we are planning for the year ahead, or to suggest a spending project the next PTA meeting:

**Thursday 21st January 7.30pm
in Redwood Classroom**



Christmas Fair!

Saturday 28th November 11-2pm

We have been busy planning our Christmas Fair and Market. We are planning to have all the old favourite stalls and a few new stalls too so please put the date in your diary.

Christmas Market

We are hoping to have a variety of market stalls to help you to get all your Christmas presents wrapped up early! If you are interested in having a stall, the pitch price is £20 for an inside stall and £15 for an outside stall (please bring your marquee and some warm clothes!) Inside stalls are on a first come first served basis so get in quick! We will be advertising the fair and market in Hartley, NAG and Longfield so it could be a great way of making some Christmas money. If you are interested, please e-mail hartleyprimarypta@gmail.com

Lunch deals, cakes and mince pies

Again, we will be having hot lunch deals – soup and a roll or a hot dog meal so you can make the most of the whole day! There will also be a variety of drinks, cakes and snacks.

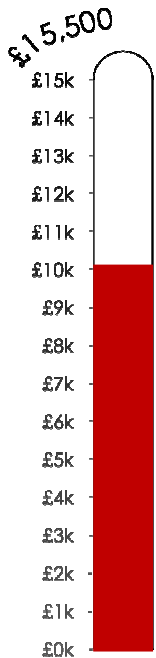
We are looking for someone who would be willing to organise and run the refreshments stall – we have all the information you will need about quantities, so if you think you may be interested please let us know.

**Join us for a planning meeting tonight
Wednesday 14th October 8pm at the
Green Man Pub, Longfield Hill.**

Spending the dough:

Last year we spent our money on the school Panto, outdoor blackboards, new hardwearing clipboards, a big spend on Astro Turf around the pirate ship near Pre-School and dance workshops by West End in Schools.

Funding Project:



The trim trail in the lower playground is feeling its age and will need to be replaced. Now is the right time to provide the children with something more challenging and fun. At present, the school does not have a budget for this work, so the PTA has agreed to fund this exciting project. We have 2/3 of the needed money already in the bank, so further profit this year will go towards this goal.



If you have any other suggestions for spending in future, please do let us know.

Can your employer help?

Another way of optimising profits is to find out if your employer offers charity matching or giving. **Many organisations see this as a win / win / win – supporting charity and a tax break for them and a money raiser for us!** It could mean as little as covering a stall for an hour at a fair and then anything made on that stall is doubled e.g. selling raffle tickets could mean an extra £500 from your company. **If you ask your company accounts department or HR they should be able to let you know if this is something they can do.** If they do not offer this could they give a raffle prize? The more support we can get in this way the more we can offer to your children.

I have really enjoyed being Chair for the last 3 years – thank you to all that have helped me in this time.

Best Wishes, Michelle Cooke

Please help!

Donations

Could you or your employer donate anything for the raffle? We are having a 'Hook a present stall' and need donations of soft toys – clear out your kids' bedrooms in time for Christmas! We also welcome donations for the secret present room – so any gifts that you would like to recycle we are happy to take off your hands! Finally, if you have old party bag toys we can use as prizes these would be gratefully received. Please take any donations to the main office.

Volunteer

If you can donate any time on the day please complete form below or e-mail:

hartleyprimarypta@gmail.com

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Dear PTA,

I can help at the Christmas Fair, at the following time(s):

9:00 – 11:00 – setting up

11:00 – 12:00

12:00 – 13:00

13:00 – 14:00

14:00 – 16:00 – clearing up

Name

Phone

Child's name

Class