



St. Mark's CEP School

PTA Newsletter

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Fun night at school quiz

BRAINS WERE racked and heads were scratched as this year's quiz proved trickier than last year's.

We sold 77 tickets and the nine teams rose nobly to quizmasters Pete and Polly Canning's challenge and there were some respectable performances in a fun and sociable atmosphere with plenty of laughter between rounds.

The bar, under Caroline Tompkins, did a brisk trade. And an epic

pizza order from Papa John's fuelled the second half of the evening.

Our profit was £661, which we can use to help the school in educating our children.

Thanks also to the efficient set-up and clean-up teams and to Chloe Simmons for providing the PA equipment.

Finally, cheers to all those who came along and had a good time.

Bookworms and library fans, we need your help

IF YOU would like to support the school in a practical way there are several opportunities.

Fe Moynihan is forming a **Love Reading Group**. The school is keen to refurbish its book corners and this group will help to achieve this by sourcing furniture and books, for example, by sharing ideas, by hosting book drive events and by sourcing and refurbishing donations.

We are also keen to hear from anyone with a **fundraising idea** — last year two parents ran a half-marathon; or perhaps you'd like to run a fun social event.

Learning continues outside the building

THE OUTDOOR classroom, which the PTA funded, is now officially open and in use. It looks great up by the main entrance.

Mr Dungate reports that Mrs Watt is putting together a trolley with chalks for teachers to take out. T

here are also plans to adjust the path so that it works better for people coming in and out.

Sinead McCurry, who has used the classroom for her French club, reports that her pupils have told her they feel really special using it.



TREASURER'S REPORT by Fe Moynihan

AT THE meeting on 12 October we had £8799.56 in the bank. (includes £10 Christmas Fair stall fee from Bhaji Bhaji).

Pending payments to 31 August 2017

Operating budget: £1000
Outdoor classroom (final payment): £4075
The Week Junior subscription (full year not termly): £153.92
Insurance/Licences: £116
Book purchase KS1 (£100 per term): £600
Book purchase KS2 (£60 per term): £360

Available funds £2569.64

Recent payments

Donations to school

Playground markings KS1: £1000

O2 Young Voices Choir Concert coach (Jan 2017): £500

Non-fiction book purchase: £126

Chickens upkeep: £100

Sports Day lollies: £8.10

Other payments

Outstanding Summer Fair 2016 expenses: £24

Other recent income

Sale of bar stock from Summer Fair (banked this

financial year): £52.03

Ice Cream Sales, summer term (banked this FY):

£51.60

Sports Day refreshments donations (banked this FY): £22.74

Funding Requests

Cooking utensils (whole school): £100

Chicken feeder: £86.99

Dictionaries/Thesaurus 2016: £540

Dictionaries 2017: £300

Dictionaries 2018: £300

Dictionaries 2019: £300

Grammar Signs KS2 playground: £163.95

Ongoing projects

- The school has been registered with StampTastic and we have a voucher from them as a raffle prize
- I want to look at online cashback giving.
- Gift Aid registration is in progress.
- Grow Your Tenner 2016 is running now: see Parentmail and Facebook for details..
- *The Courier* will allow us to profit from sales of their paper at our Christmas Fair. I am working on an offer with admission.

Happy Harvey's rugby mascot prize

THANKS TO Laura and Angus Burden's expert blagging, Tunbridge Wells Rugby Club donated a summer fair prize of a signed shirt and ball along with a chance to meet the team and to have a photo taken with them.

The prize was auctioned at the fair and Harvey Tompkins (Year One Bodiam) was the proud winner.

When Harvey went to the club he was offered the chance to be the mascot for the first team's home game. Harvey had a fantastic time, as you can see in this picture.

He now trains with the club's under sevens at St Mark's recreation ground every Sunday morning.

• Raffle and other prizes are a great fundraiser, and fair co-ordinator Kim Sheppard and expert blagger Gilli Crabb are hard at work hunting them down.

We'd love more, though, so please do ask your contacts on our behalf, and if you're too shy, mention your idea to Kim or a committee member and we'll deploy our experts!



CHRISTMAS FAIR is **Saturday 3 December**. Kim Sheppard is looking for helpers and we would

be grateful for donations on the following days:

Friday 21 October:

Clean cuddly toys for children's tombola and gifts for the Secret Santa. These should be suitable for the children to buy for the adults in their lives (that is, you!).

Friday 18 November:

Jolly Jam Jars. Decorate a jar and fill it with sweets for a tombola. The best jar gets a prize.

Friday 25 November:

Non-uniform day in exchange for an unopened bottle for the tombola.

Friday 2 December:

Cakes for the cake stall.

Other dates

October 18: Grow Your Tenner opens. Visit localgiving.org/charity/stmarkscepschoolpta/ to donate

Thursday 17 January 2017: PTA meeting, 7.45pm at the school.

Discos for KS1 and KS2

will be held in January and February. Details to follow. Volunteers always seem to enjoy these events so please drop Jayne Miller a message if you'd like to be involved. If you have any questions catch a PTA member at the school gates, send an email to secretarytn4@gmail.com or drop a message at the school office or you can find us [on Facebook](#).