



**PTA Christmas card Fundraiser 2011
(Claire, James Dane/Liz Langley)**

This year's Christmas card fundraiser has been another huge success! Following the positive feedback from last year, Liz, Claire and James used Class Fundraising again. This year the pack sizes had increased, from 10 to 12 cards and from 8 to 9 gift tags. The price of the gift tag pack had also decreased, while the cost to the PTA of the card packs went down slightly, meaning everyone was a winner!

With a view to getting everyone their cards as early as possible, we kicked off the fundraiser in September, distributing the templates to all the children who, with the kind cooperation of teachers, worked hard on their designs in class. A stunning 425 designs were submitted (including one from a young sibling) and made into sample cards, which were back with us in time for the half-term break.



Orders came in thick and fast over the following week. Mrs Birch had a look at all the designs to chose an official school card. However, she was so spoilt for choice that in the end **two winners were announced: congratulations to Felix Shetty of St Bede's class for KS1 and Josephine Hogan of St Brigid's class for KS2!**

The final order was placed with Class Fundraising on Wednesday 9th November and with a fast turnaround, the finished cards and gift tags were back with us by Friday 18th! We had a fabulous response from parents, selling 92 gift tag packs, up 20 on last year, generating

£69 profit for the PTA. We sold 317 card packs (up 22 on last year's total) and made £443.80 profit.

The total profit for the PTA this year is £516.48 which is very impressive and a big improvement on last year's £472.75, particularly considering that last year's total included a £50 cash back deal, which is not running this year, so we have actually made £90 more this year. Special thanks go to the generous parents of St Bede's class, who ordered 41 packs of cards and 9 packs of gift tags between them! St Thomas More's parents also deserve a mention with an impressive 31 packs of cards and 12 of gift tags ordered!



Following this huge success, Liz, Claire and James are considering using Class Fundraising again in the summer for a Father's Day tea towel project... watch this space!





YUMMY CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS!
(Heather King, Anja Smith)

As part of this year's Christmas Fundraising, the PTA were once again selling the Christmas Plum Puddings and Triple Chocolate Puddings that were on offer last year.

This time, however, parents could choose from the full range of goods available from this small craft manufacturer in Cumbria, called the Ultimate Plum Pudding Company. There was Brandy Butter, Sultana Puddings and Triple Ginger Puddings to name but a few. All the puddings, apart from the Brandy Butter, had the St Dunstan's School name on them, along with a holly leaf and berries and so could be a lovely Christmas gift for friends and family.

The puddings were also sold at the St Dunstan's Church Christmas Fair, with a donation going to the Church's chosen charities of that year. Once again, this has proved to be a popular venture for the PTA and so hopefully will be repeated again next year.

DISCOUNTED THEATRE TICKETS (Corinne Doherty)

Through group bookings and PTA only discounts over 135 half price tickets were sold to friends and family of St Dunstan's school. A small £2 profit was added to each ticket, adding to our fundraising total.

Horrible Histories,
13 April 2011 10:30am:

CHILDREN'S DISCO
(Susan Taylor)
PTA Disco Co-ordinator

Thank you to all who supported the KS1 and KS2 discos.

We had record numbers in attendance - congratulations to Year 6 St Brigid's class and Year 3 St Peter's class who each had 23 students attending. We raised a grand profit of £807.56. *This was an excellent result everybody!*

TUCK TABLE
(Susan Taylor/ Kerry Duffy)
Tuck Table Co-ordinators

The "Great St Dunstan's Bake off" continues in December with Year 2 and Year 5 our next hosts. This year it is hoped that the Tuck Tables will fund Reception's "Living Eggs", the subscription to Parentmail and new software for the library. So far this year the 3 Tuck tables have raised £382.68. This is a very good start to our fundraising. *Well done everyone.*

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS (Heather King)

Christmas raffle tickets have been sent out and all running smoothly at the moment! Raffle draw to be conducted at the parent disco on Saturday 10th December.

This was really popular last year so have 50 tickets on hold at £10 (incl £2 to PTA) for the Tudors performance. I will promote this in the spring term.

If parents are interested in group discounts for other performances, please contact me via email corinnedoherty@

PARENT DISCO
10th Dec 2011 8pm-Midnight
(Lucinda Webb-Mundy & Billie Preston)

The PTA are holding their first parents Christmas disco on Saturday 10th December and this is looking to be a very popular and eventful night! Teachers and friends are more than welcome to join in the fun.

Tickets are very reasonable at £10.00 per adult which includes entrance fee and cold buffet.

Payment can be made in advance through the book bags

PTA SCHOOL JACKPOT:
(Michael Chenery)

ARE YOU MISSING OUT?

Over the last 12 months twenty four parents or friends of the school have won £600 between them in the school Jackpot. At the same time the Jackpot has raised over £1850 for the PTA which has been used to benefit your children at St Dunstan's.

The jackpot costs £1 a month for each number and one win will cover your jackpot fees for a whole year. You can have as many numbers as you like at £1 each. Also, if the number of members increases significantly so will the prizes!

If you are not already a member of the school jackpot but would like to be, or would like more numbers or know someone that would then please email michael.chenery@sky.com who can email you an application form.

hotmail.co.uk.

Minimum 10 seats to obtain a group discount.



and due to restricted space we advise to get ticket slips in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Any volunteers to help on the day to set-up, run the bar on a rota basis and clean up afterwards will be appreciated.

So what are you waiting for dig out those party frocks and dancing shoes!

If you require any more information please contact either: Lucinda 07894 808462 xcmundyx@yahoo.co.uk or Billie 07946 585 328 billiebhoyroo@hotmail.com.



PTA Yellow Moon Christmas Fundraiser
(Merlin/Veera)

Hurry! Just a few more days for your Christmas shopping...

All you have to do is buy some of the fun, educational products and great value stocking fillers from your copy of the Yellow Moon Christmas Fundraiser catalogue. **You may place your order online on www.yellowmoon.co.uk or phone on 08448268677.**

IMPORTANT

Quote or input the unique code shown on your catalogue i.e. SST4829 to ensure St Dunstan's School PTA earns up to 20% cash-back on all your purchases. **So everyone benefits: your Christmas shopping is easier; your kids receive some lovely gifts and we raise much needed funds too.**

Yellow Moon will send your order direct to your home in plenty of time for Christmas.



PTA QUIZ NIGHT
Saturday 4th Feb 2012
(Fiona Smithson & Sarah Townsend)

The annual PTA Quiz Night is scheduled to take place on Saturday 4th February at 7.45pm so put the date in your diaries now. Tickets will be £8.50 and will go on sale in the New Year.

The event will be hosted by the hugely popular radio DJ James Cannon and ticket prices include a fish and chip supper provided by the newly opened "Ye Olde Fishmarket" and bring your own bottle.

Suggested team sizes are 6-8 so start brushing up on your general knowledge and forming your teams for what promises to be a fun packed evening!!!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE
(Yvonne Dore)

We have raised so far:

Panto tickets – 135 tickets sold, £2 profit per ticket = £270

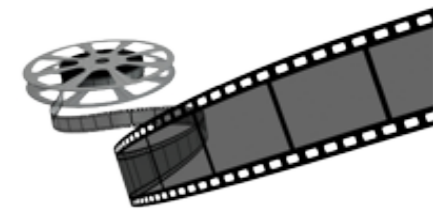
Tuck table – Yr 3 £72.75, Yr 1 £200.10, Yr 6 £109.73 = £382.58

Children's disco – (Friday 11th Nov) = £807.56

Christmas cards – up from last year, profit of = £516.48

Christmas puddings – so far a profit of = £97.44

Good event profit to date and with what is in the bank already a healthy start to the year.



MOVIE NIGHT
Friday 10th Feb 2012
(Shawn Boyer)
St Dunstan's Film Night Director

Ninety-seven pupils enjoyed St Dunstan's First Movie Night which went down really well with all who attended the premiere on the 11 March 2011.

We will now be running a second movie night on Friday February 10th 2012. This time we will running a U certificate film for KS1 which will be Rio (U) and a separate PG Certificate film for KS2 but both still running simultaneously as this option was appreciated by a number of parents. Film start time will be 6.15 with doors opening at 6pm.

Two things I need help with please:

Thing 1: KS2 I need you to choose what film you want to see! Please e-mail KS2Film@domainuk.net.

Please Note; It must be a film available to buy on DVD in England and it can only be a U or PG certificate for obvious reasons but this does include for instance Indiana Jones, Men in Black, Who Framed Roger Rabbit, Night at the Museum, A Knights Tale and of course Johnny English Reborn!

Thing 2: Reception parents will need to stay anyway but as teachers are already covering the disco's in their own time we cannot ask them to help out on this as well so please can I have volunteers to help on the night either on the stalls or being "Ushers" please email KS2Film@domainuk.net.



Fantastic discounts for all parents from PTA-UK (Merlin)

Exclusive to PTA Magazine, here are four fantastic offers for you to pass on to all your friends and family. From money off great presents, to a stylish day of shopping - spread some Christmas cheer!

10% off at Montezuma's chocolates

Montezuma's Chocolates uses the finest ingredients (often organic) and are produced in an innovative way. Montezuma's Christmas range contains chocolates to excite all palates. **Its exciting Christmas chocolate gift range is now available with an exclusive 10% OFF plus FREE p&p.** Go to www.montezumas.co.uk and enter code PTACHOC at the checkout or call 0845 450 6306.

10% off the entire Hornby Hobbies range

Hornby is a manufacturer in the world of toys, games and collectables and is the home of some of the best-loved British toy brands - Scalextric, Airfix, Hornby, Corgi and Humbrol. To help you with all those Christmas toy and gift purchases, **Hornby is offering PTA Magazine readers a fantastic 10% OFF ANY product from ANY of their brand websites until 31 Dec 2011.**

Go to:

- hornby.com
- airfix.com
- corgi.co.uk
- scalextric.com
- humbrol.com

Enter BAJSNKKB into the promotion code box upon checkout

2 months FREE subscription to Educating Together

Educating Together is giving PTA Magazine readers an exclusive free trial offer. It has a huge range of fun learning resources - designed by experts - for teachers, parents and children, with videos, worksheets and tips on curriculum and parenting topics.

Lorrae Jaderberg and Katie Kraus of Jaderberg Kraus Educational Consultancy have developed this website to support teachers, parents, children and schools. They also offer assessments, advice and tutoring as part of their educational services for families and schools.

You can start downloading your free resources now! Go to www.educatingtogether.co.uk, click on 'Become A Member' and select your membership 'PTA'. Complete details as requested. Offer ends 31 December 2011.

Coffee Morning (Ciara Sloane)

Now the children are dropped off at school... fancy a well deserved coffee?

St. Dunstan's Parents are invited to coffee just across the road in the church hall. From after drop off until 10am.



Dates for diary 2012:

- Tuesday 17th January
- Tuesday 31st January
- Tuesday 28th February
- Tuesday 13th March
- Tuesday 27th March
- Tuesday 24th April

Younger children are welcome but please bring a toy for them. A donation is appreciated to cover costs. Any money remaining after expenses will be donated to the St. Dunstan's PTA.

For more information, please contact Ciara Sloane (Peter's Mummy in St Bernadette's Class).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN THE SPRING TERM

- 4th Feb PTA QUIZ NIGHT
- 10th Feb MOVIE NIGHT

St. Dunstan's



DBay... For Sale Board

In response to request from parents, we will be having a regular For Sale board in the PTA newsletter and on our webpage, for the sale of quality items.

The advert will be free, but we ask that sellers donate 10% of the sold price to the PTA - a bit like ebay.

See the PTA noticeboards in the playground for the list of items for sale.

If you have an item for sale please email: stdunstanspta@live.co.uk with the details.

Online Shopping via SchoolDeals and school gains

Please do think to use www.schooldeals.net to access your favourite online retailers.

Every time you make a web purchase through one of SchoolDeals' partners you'll be earning commission for St Dunstan's. Whenever you make a purchase you will know the minimum amount the school will receive. Here are some examples of the commission St Dunstan's will receive at no cost to you, the shopper

Marks and Spencer = 2.5%

Boden = 3%, Mini Boden = 2.5%

Disneyland Paris = 1.75%

Early Learning Centre = 4%

Many brands are continuing to offer some great discounts online - take a look.

Calling PTA volunteers!



The PTA would benefit from having more active parents, playing a role in the fundraising activities of the school community. The school is facing budget cuts in the coming years and that fundraising by the PTA really is going to make a significant difference to the resources available to our children.

We would like all parents to offer their help - just an hour a term can make such a difference, there is so much to do. Please come forward with your skills and time available - it could be an hour to shop for one of the events, 30 minutes running a stall, a few calls from home to local businesses to gain raffle prizes.

See contact details below.

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