



December 2012

# Newsletter



**Welcome to the Christmas edition of  
St. Dunstan's PTA Newsletter!**

Christmas is nearly upon us and we are sure everyone is looking forward to celebrating this festive season. It has been a busy term for everyone and the PTA would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work and support, so far this year.

Our next PTA meeting is on 16th January at 8pm in the school reception area. *Please keep coming along – your contributions are most welcome.*

May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you all through the year and may the good times and treasures of the present become the golden memories of tomorrow.

**Happy Christmas everyone!**

*Best wishes,  
Merlin, Veera, Yvonne & Sema  
(Your PTA Committee)*





# St. Dunstan's PTA

## PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE (Ruth Whiddett)

These are for you to sell among your family and friends. First prize this year is £200 (Cash), 2nd Prize is an HTC explorer Men's mobile phone (worth £150) and 3rd prize is a £50 Gift voucher (House of Fraser).

All children at St Dunstan's will benefit from the funds raised. This year the PTA will be contributing towards a new stage for the school hall together with a new PA system, as well as continuing to pay for the Living Eggs, swimming lessons and ParentMail.

The draw will be made on Friday 14 December 2012. To be in with a chance of winning, completed counterfoils and cash (or cheques made payable to St Dunstan's PTA) must be returned to school via book bags or the office no later than Monday 10th December 2012. *Thank you for your support!*

## DISCOUNTED THEATRE TICKETS (Corinne Doherty)

NEW  
VICTORIA  
THEATRE  
WOKING

**Priscilla Queen of the Desert comes to Woking.** 20 seats in the stalls rows N&P for the performance on Friday 20 Sept at 8:15p.m. Please send cheque to



## PTA CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER 2013 (Clare and James Dane)

Once again, we've had a successful Christmas card fundraiser. This has been in large part due to the addition of mugs to the order form from Class Fundraising, enabling parents to order their children's designs in a number of formats.



Children once again worked on their designs in class earlier in the term and despite a few glitches, we were able to get the templates sent off and sample cards back to parents before the half term break. Some stunning designs were submitted, and big congratulations go to Ghislain Ranchoux and Ellen Ibbotson, both in 5 St Paul, whose designs were selected by Mrs Birch to represent the school! The mug order arrived just in advance of

the cards and gift tags, and all were distributed before the end of November, enabling parents to meet those looming postal deadlines!

Although the card and gift tag orders were slightly down on last year, despite the extra Reception class, the inclusion of mugs gave a great boost to our profits. Due to an admin error (last minute) which meant that Class Fundraising didn't print the hoped for message inside the cards (another new addition for this year) but left them blank, they kindly gave the PTA a discount on the invoice, meaning that the PTA is currently around £825, an incredible increase of £300 on last year! This is not the final figure, however, since parents now have the facility to order extra gifts using their child's design (look for the special webcode printed on the back of each card) and a proportion of these sales also goes to the PTA. Do have a look!

*Special thanks go to the generous parents of St Teresa's, St*

St Dunstan's PTA via the school office.

*If parents are interested in group discounts for other performances, please contact me via email corinnedoherty@hotmail.co.uk. Minimum 10 seats to obtain a group discount.*



Catherine's and St Bede's classes who placed 20 or more orders per class!

Having had another successful Christmas card fundraiser, and following on from last year's tea towels, we shall definitely be looking at Class Fundraising again in the summer, so keep an eye out!

## Christmas Puddings (Anja Smith/Heather)



Again, this year the PTA decided we would try and raise a bit of money by selling the popular puddings from The Ultimate Pudding Co.

We had a few less pre-orders than last year, but took a gamble and ordered quite a few extra in the hope that they would sell at the church Christmas fair.

**We did well and when all puddings are gone, should have made a profit around £150.** We still have some left to sell at the next couple of tuck tables where the last pre-orders can be picked up. But hopefully another good year for the puddings!

## Nativity Creche (Orla McGrath)

THE PTA will be running a creche during the Reception Classes and KS1 Christmas Nativity plays as follows:

- KS1 (Yrs 1 & 2) Nativity Performance at 2.15pm on Thursday 13th December
- KS1 (Yrs 1 & 2) Nativity Performance at 9.30am on Friday 14th December
- Reception Nativity Performance at 9.30am on Wednesday 19th December.



## UPDATES

## Christmas Shopping Evening (Kate Sharkey)

THE first PTA Christmas Shopping Evening was held on 9th November in the school hall. Twenty-two stalls were present, selling a variety of items including gifts, cards, beauty products, clothes, accessories, books and home ware, and over 100 people came to shop and enjoy the refreshments from the cafe. The evening raised £530 for PTA funds and feedback was generally positive from both shoppers & stallholders. *I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped before and during the evening, the stallholders and those who came to shop, and a special thank you to Mr Jamieson for his help during the evening.*

## Kids Disco (Elaine D'Silva)

We had a very successful disco on Friday 16th November.



The children had a fantastic time dancing. *Thanks to the teachers who helped on the door and supervising, all the parents who helped organise and run the event. Together we raised £1,146 for the PTA, well done everyone!* The next disco will be on 3rd May 2013.



## PTA Yellow Moon Christmas Fundraiser (Merlin/Veera)

- Place your order with Yellow Moon online @ [www.yellowmoon.co.uk](http://www.yellowmoon.co.uk) or by phone or fax (or see catalogue for full details).
- IMPORTANT - quote or input the unique code shown on the front of your catalogue i.e. SST4829 to ensure St Dunstan's >



get shopping  
get fun-draising!

## How it works

School PTA earns up to 20% cash-back on your purchases.

- Don't forget to show the catalogue to friends and family, as they may want to add to your order.
- Yellow Moon will send your order direct to your home in plenty of time for Christmas.
- So everyone benefits: your

Christmas shopping is easier; your kids receive some lovely gifts and we raise much-needed funds too.

**We hope you and your families enjoy your Yellow Moon Christmas shopping and look forward to letting you know how much your shopping has helped us raise in the New Year.**

## SWAP SHOP

(Dorota Cranmer/Catherine Conquest)

Thank you for all your donations, but we still ask for more.

Yes please to...

- Blazers
- Jumpers
- Boys summer polo shirts with school logo
- PE T-shirt and shorts
- PE tracksuits
- Ties
- Girls summer dresses
- Girls winter skirts and pinafores
- Winter coats that conform with the school uniform policy

Unfortunately we can't take...

- School white shirts, polo shirts, trousers or shorts unless they are practically new as these often look tired and worn.

Please ensure all items are clean and in good condition. All donations can be left at the school office. Thank You!

Don't forget the "Swap Shop" is now on the PTA website with the stock list updated weekly and items can be collected any school day.

For orders or any enquiries please contact: Dorota Cranmer [dorotacranmer@me.com](mailto:dorotacranmer@me.com) or Catherine Conquest [catherineconquest@hotmail.com](mailto:catherineconquest@hotmail.com).

## 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 11th December

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).

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

(Yvonne Dore)

### We have raised so far:

Cake sales – £652.73  
Uniform sale – £65  
Christmas shopping event – £530  
Christmas Cards – £825  
Kids' disco – £1146.

Miscellaneous income has been received totalling £185.04, being:

£159 for Phil the Bag  
£6.30 of late banking's from 2011/2012 coffee mornings, £19.74 from Yellow Moon.



## PTA QUIZ NIGHT

(Fiona Smithson & Sarah Townsend)

The ever-popular annual PTA Quiz Night is scheduled to take place on Saturday 9th February at 7.45pm so make sure you put the date in your diaries now!!

Tickets priced at £10 will go on sale in the New Year.

The event will be hosted by radio DJ James Cannon and

ticket price includes a fish and chip supper and bring your own bottle.

Suggested team sizes are 8 people so start brushing up on your general knowledge and thinking about forming the optimum team to bring home the coveted trophy prize!!!

Organisers: Fiona Smithson ([fiona.smithson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fiona.smithson@hotmail.co.uk)) and Sarah Townsend ([ptownsend06@aol.com](mailto:ptownsend06@aol.com))



## PTA SCHOOL JACKPOT:

(Michael Chenery)

### ARE YOU MISSING OUT?

THE school jackpot is an excellent fundraiser and generated in excess of £1500 last year to help support fund activities and equipment for your children at St Dunstan's School. I would therefore like to thank all members for their continued support and offer a big welcome to all the new members who have joined this year.

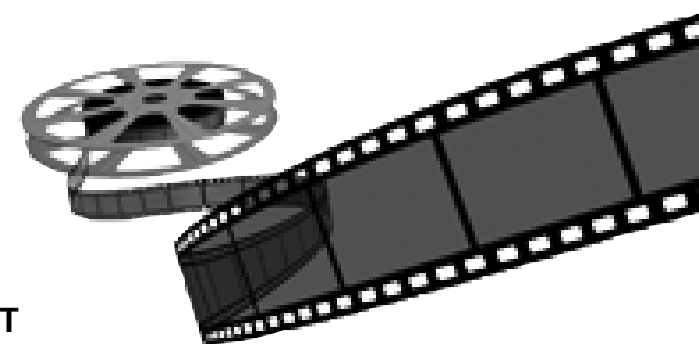
There are two prizes each month and membership only costs £1 per month. If you are not already a member of the Jackpot but would like to be, or would like more numbers or know someone that would then please email [michael.chenery@sky.com](mailto:michael.chenery@sky.com) who can email you an application form.

The winners of the previous monthly draws are:

- September - Mr P Sharkey and Mr Roman
- October - Mrs M Mantilla and Mrs C Illingworth
- November - Mrs A Cant and Mrs L Gilfillan

Unfortunately I will no longer be able to continue running the school jackpot after the end of this school year and am seeking a volunteer to succeed me commencing September 2013. Running the school jackpot does not take up too much time. All that is required is to draw two numbers each month, send off the winning cheques and update the electronic records. If anyone wishes to discuss this role further then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, good luck to everyone in the Christmas Draw.



## MOVIE NIGHT

(Shawn Boyer)

WE had a full house of pupils who enjoyed St Dunstan's Movie Night II - The Sequel back in February 2012 which went down really well and made over £600 for the School.

Due to popular demand we will now be running a third movie night - From Dusk Till Dawn III on Friday 1st February 2013 and therefore becoming a fully fledged trilogy!

This time as per the second movie night we will again be running a U certificate film for KS1 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 6.15pm with doors opening at 5.45pm.

There are two things I need help with please:

1: KS2 I need you to choose what film you want to see! please email [KS2Film@domainuk.net](mailto: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!

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

Thank You

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY –

### MAROON PAGES

(Anna Sole)

THE School Directory is proving a popular fundraiser. Maroon Pages, our version of the yellow pages, is a win win solution to raising money for the school. Our children benefit from the generated funds and the advertisers get something back for their contribution. The professionally-printed colour booklet will be with every family in the school soon. Thank you to everyone who has placed an advert!

## PTA TUCK TABLES

(Kerry Duffy)

THE Tuck tables this year are proving to be as popular as ever and seem to be a great fundraiser for the PTA. Since the start of term we have had a total of 5 tuck tables to date and have raised a

collective total of £652.73. Break down is as follows:

- Year 6 = £108.96
- Year 5 = £115.19
- Year 4 = £120.96
- Year 3 = £127.90
- Year 2 = £179.72

Thank you to everyone for helping to make this a successful fundraiser.





## 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@hotmail.com](mailto:stdunstanspta@hotmail.com) with the details.

## 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.**

## Online Shopping via SchoolDeals and school gains

Please do think to use [www.schooldeals.net](http://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.