



St. Dunstan's



# Newsletter

Easter 2013



## **Hello and welcome to the Easter edition of St Dunstan's PTA Newsletter!**

There are lots of exciting PTA events & activities coming up this spring term. All the information you need to know is contained in this newsletter so please read on... An 'enormous thank you' must go out to all the parents, teachers and pupils who have supported the PTA over the last few months. We need your help especially for the School Disco, Spring Ball, Bike/Jumble Sale, Phil the Bag and Summer Fair, which are the remaining PTA events for this year. Thanks once again for your continued support. So, please keep it going, we need you!!

**Next PTA meeting – 15th May 2013, 8pm – school reception area – all welcome – please show your support!**

We are always looking for ways to improve the PTA, so if you have any new ideas on PTA events or have any other feedback or would like to help out at any of the above events, please e-mail us on [stdunstanspta@hotmail.com](mailto:stdunstanspta@hotmail.com). Furthermore, please don't forget to check the PTA website for up-to date information on our PTA activities, developments and fundraising news.

*May the spirit of hope that Easter brings,  
Help you find contentment in little things,  
And restore your faith in the Lord above,  
Who gave His life for the ones He loves  
We wish you a very happy Easter'*

Best wishes,

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





# P + A

## School Disco (Elaine D'Silva)

The next school disco will be held on 3rd May so mark the date in your diaries. The forms will be sent out straight after Easter along with a request for volunteers. Any help would be greatly appreciated, especially for the Key Stage 2 disco.

## Bike/Jumble Sale – 15th June



James/Claire Dane will do the bike sale and Billie Preston and Kerry Duffy will manage the Jumble Sale. Anja Smith will take care of the kitchen. Halfords/ Evans might open a repair/service stall and give some raffle prizes. Eagle radio to announce the event and also Anja is going to arrange a big banner for the advertisement. More details to follow by parent mail.



## Summer Fair (Yvonne Dore)

The summer fair is scheduled for Sunday 7th July 2013. I know it seems early but the summer fair team will soon be starting their rounds of

## DISCOUNTED THEATRE TICKETS (Corinne Doherty)

Great discounts available! Tickets are still available for Priscilla Queen of the Desert. Friday 20th September, 8pm. Seats in the stalls at £25 each - to be paid by 15th May.



planning meetings for this event. If you would be interested in helping in this year's fair, or want more information on what help is needed, please contact yvonne\_dore@yahoo.co.uk. There are numerous jobs involved in organising this event, so please do come along to a meeting to see what you can do to help. Dates of fair meetings will be sent out by ParentMail.

## UPDATES

### Movie Night 3 (Shawn Boyer)

The Trilogy was another great success on the 1st February 2013.

We showed *Dr Seuss's The Lorax* to KS1 and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid 3: Dog Days* to KS2 both of which went down a storm. Lots of popcorn and sweets were sold although looking at the floor at the end I'm not sure how much of it was actually eaten but all the children had a great time, which is the most important thing!

We had 160 children in attendance and made a very nice profit for the PTA of £529.57.

I must also comment on how well behaved everyone was during the evening – a credit to the school and its teaching staff.

I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way but especially my Executive Producers: Mrs Birch, Mrs Whiteway, Mr Jamieson and Mrs Dore and all my Producer Parents who helped on the door or on the stalls – THANK YOU.

And lastly thank you to all the children who turned up and made it a success "I'll Be Back".



**Cinderella at Ambassadors Theatre, Woking Thursday 19th December, 7pm.** Seats in the stalls at £15 each.

To be paid by 1 October 2013. Our booking for the matinee is now closed and tickets should be collected from the school office. Tickets prices after this offer will be more expensive.

To secure your booking, please make cheques payable to St Dunstans School

PTA. Place in an envelope to the school office with the number of tickets required and which performance, together with the name and class of your child.



## The PTA Shed (Yvonne Dore)

Can I just say a huge, huge, thank you on behalf of myself and the PTA Team to all the parents who have helped in both emptying and 'moving back into' the new PTA shed. I can't list all the names for fear of missing someone out, but the number of volunteers we had, meant that on Sunday 3rd March, not only did we manage to move all our stuff back out of the

school garage, but also cleared out the PTA cupboard, leaving both the shed and the cupboard in a well organised, clearly labelled and most importantly, tidy, state.

All the volunteers would ask is that anyone involved in a PTA event going forward now leaves both the shed and the cupboard in the beautifully tidy way it has now been left!!



## PTA Quiz Night (Fiona Smithson/Sarah Townsend)

The annual PTA Quiz Night took place on Saturday 9th February. This hugely popular event sold out a couple of weeks before the night and there were 21 quiz teams with 185 people packed into the school hall for a fun packed evening.

The fish and chip supper was provided by Ye Olde Fishmarket who yet again did an amazing job of providing the large quantity of meals on time and piping hot.

Many thanks to James Connatty for hosting the event and for providing some hilarious moments during the evening!!

We managed to raise a fantastic £1702.22 for much needed school funds which is a great achievement.

A photo of the winning team is above so they're the ones to beat next time!!

## PTA TUCK TABLE (Kerry Duffy)

A big thank you to all the year 6 children, parents and helpers for all the generous donations and of course to everyone who spent at our latest Tuck Table, which raised a fantastic £113.30.

Combining this with previous tuck table takings, this year we have raised a total of £908.63 so far for the PTA.



- Year 6 – 21/09/12 – £108.96
- Year 5 – 05/10/12 – £115.19
- Year 4 – 19/10/12 – £120.96
- Year 3 – 16/11/12 – £127.90
- Year 2 – 30/11/12 – £179.72
- Year R – 14/12/12 – £142.60
- Year 1 – /01/13 – CANCELLED
- Year 6 – 01/02/13 – £113.30

The PTA Tuck Tables are now taking a break over the Lenten period but will be back on the 26th April, to be hosted by Year 5.



## FUNDRAISING UPDATE (Yvonne Dore)

- We have raised so far:
- Cake sales – £791
- Uniform sale – £113
- Christmas shopping event – £533
- Christmas Cards – £836
- Christmas Puddings – £186
- Christmas Raffle – £825
- Kids' disco – £1,146
- Quiz night – £1,702
- Maroon Pages – £2,021
- Movie Night – £522
- Theatre Tickets – £236
- Miscellaneous income received totaling £185.04, being: £159 for Phil the Bag £6 of late banking's from 2011/12 coffee mornings, £47 from Yellow Moon.

- Costs have been
- Welcome Party – £205
- PTA AGM refreshments etc. – £129.23
- New PTA Shed – £1,430
- PTA-UK subscription – £107
- Gambling Act reg fee – £20
- Christmas Tree – £38.50

- Donations to school
- Paid the remaining £4,000 donation agreed for 2011/12 for
- New whiteboards
- New PA system – £2,325
- ParentMail License fee – £315







### 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**  
Tuesday 19th March  
Tuesday 16th April  
Tuesday 30th April  
Tuesday 14th May  
Tuesday 11th June

Younger children are welcome - please bring a toy for them. A donation is appreciated to cover costs.

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

### Spring Ball (Mick Derrick/ Patricia Reddy)

Tickets are £27.50 per head. This includes reception drinks, complimentary wine on tables, fine dining and live entertainment. The theme this year (if you haven't already guessed) is 'HOLLYWOOD!'.

Take this fabulous opportunity to 'dress to impress' as you take a walk along the **Red Carpet**, you can have fun impersonating your favourite Hollywood movie star, or simply savour the glamorous atmosphere of the Oscars in the company of your friends. Who knows, you may even win one of our Oscars for your efforts!

Reception drinks commence at 1930 followed by dinner at 2000. Live entertainment and music to dance to will be provided. There will also be a short, live auction of several very desirable lots. Organise a table with your friends. As before we will have tables of 10 but larger tables may be available on request

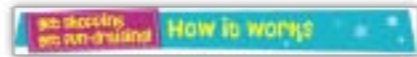
Tickets orders are being taken now. The Spring Ball is always very popular so we suggest you try and get your order in early to avoid disappointment. **We are especially looking forward to welcoming Reception Class parents to**

### Yellow Moon Spring Fundraiser (Merlin/Veera)

St Dunstan's School PTA will receive up to 20% cash-back on everything you buy from your Yellow Moon Spring Shopping. So everyone benefits: your crafty shopping is easier; your kids receive some lovely gifts, and we raise much needed funds too.

Here's what you need to do:

- Place your order with Yellow Moon online @ [www.yellowmoon.co.uk](http://www.yellowmoon.co.uk)
- IMPORTANT - quote or input the unique code shown on the front of your catalogue i.e. S5T4829 to ensure St Dunstan's School PTA earns up to 20% cash-back on your purchases



- Don't forget to forward the link to friends and family as they may want to add to your order
- Yellow Moon will send your order direct to your home

We hope you will have great fun browsing through the selection of seasonal products and look forward to letting you know how much your shopping has helped us raise in the next campaign.

### SCHOOL JACKPOT: (Michael Chenery)

The winners of the previous monthly draws are:

December – Mr Tim Coffey (£100) and Mrs Alex Cant (£50)

January – Mrs M Mantilla (£15) and Mrs Alex Cant (£15)

February – Mr & Mrs Humphries (£15) and Lince Mathew (£15)

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.

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 e-mail: [michael.chenery@sky.com](mailto:michael.chenery@sky.com) who can e-mail you an application form.



their first St Dunstan's Spring Ball – we guarantee you will have a fantastic time.

Tickets can be ordered in several ways:

- Order forms were distributed to all pupils in the last week of January via the St Dunstan's book bag system. Simply return your order to the school office.
- E-mail your order via the 'Contact us' page on the PTA website
- Print off and return an order form

shown at the end of the PTA Spring Ball page

- Finally you can contact one of the PTA reps directly (listed on the People page on the PTA website).

Payment by cash or cheque (payable to St Dunstan's PTA) at the latest by May 1st Please let us have your name, contact number and number of tickets (names of people in your party would help us when we create our guest list and seating plan, but is not essential).

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### 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 e-mail: [stdunstanspta@hotmail.com](mailto:stdunstanspta@hotmail.com), with the details.

### Maroon Pages (Anna Sole)



Maroon Pages is our school directory and we have been very lucky that so many parents and friends of the school have advertised in it.

Their contribution and generosity has resulted in a total raised sum of £2021.00 and it will be our children that reap the benefits of all this.

Thank you to each and every one that has contributed. Kindly support those that have been good enough to support our school, and let the Advertisers know that you found out about them through Maroon Pages. I'm sure they will be pleased that our school network is a success!

### Swap Shop (Dorota/Catherine)

We would like to thank you for your continued support and would appeal for more donations since demand continues to be high.

Items can be left at the school office. All proceeds go to the PTA.

As always, an up to date stock list is on the school website. From the home page click on Parent Teacher Association and then PTA Swap Shop.

### 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.

### Your PTA needs you!

Anyone can help the PTA or can raise money for the school

Not everything takes hours of your time - you could help:



#### You could also:

- ★ Join the Summer Fair Team
- ★ Assist with printing leaflets/posters or other publicity
- ★ Donate raffle prizes
- ★ Have your business sponsor an event or stall

### Come along and enjoy the events we put on!!!

Dates for our forthcoming events are as follows:

Movie Night	: 1st Feb 2013
Quiz Night	: 9th Feb 2013
Children's 2nd Disco	: 3rd May 2013
Spring Ball	: 11th May 2013
Jumble sale followed by Phil the bag	: 15 June 2013
Summer Fair	: 7th July 2013

Help the PTA and your children!  
Email the PTA to be placed on a database  
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