



Welcome to St. Dunstan's End of Term Edition of the PTA Newsletter



Wow! We've made it to the end of another very busy term and the PTA would like to say 'thank you' to everyone for your support with all our fundraising events.

We are always keen to encourage more parents to participate in helping to plan and assist at events. The first PTA meeting for the next school term will be held on 25th September @ 8 p.m., school reception area hosted by the new PTA committee: Co-ordinator - Mrs. Morgan, Treasurer - Mrs. Mason & Secretary - Mrs. Cooper. The new PTA calendar for next year will be also confirmed at that time.

A BIG THANK YOU to Mrs. Birch & staff for your constant support and encouragement, event leaders - our sincere appreciation for working tirelessly to make all the PTA events happen, special thanks to Mrs. Rita Turner, Mrs. Murray & everyone at the school office for your continuous admin support, class reps for being there for us whenever required and all parents, teachers and pupils for your support at all our events - the list is endless... We have done very well this year and we would have not reached so far without your support.

The PTA do their best to build good relationships with all our parents and teachers and we do hope you find our newsletters informative and enjoyable to read. If you have any suggestions for improvements or new fundraising ideas then please e-mail us at stdunstanspta@hotmail.com.

We have really enjoyed our tenure with the PTA and will be standing down at the end of this school year; so do keep up the great work as our new PTA committee takes office.

Thank you for your continued support and wishes for a lovely summer!

Your PTA Committee,

Merlin, Veera, Yvonne and Sema



SUMMER 2013

NEWSLETTER

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

SUMMER FAIR

- (Yvonne Dore)

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out at the Summer Fair on Sunday. I have tried to mention everyone below but apologies to anyone I might have missed.

Thank you so much

- ❖ to everyone who helped set up on Saturday and Sunday mornings, and to those that helped clear up after the fair on Sunday.
- ❖ to those who put up gazebos in the blazing heat on Saturday, and then took them all down again on Sunday.
- ❖ to everyone who manned a stall, baked a cake/s, donated sweets, toys, books, bottles.
- ❖ to our wonderful compere and all our acts on central stage who were absolutely brilliant!
- ❖ to the PA setting up crew and sound technicians during the event.
- ❖ to the ladies who labelled all the bottles for the tombola.
- ❖ to those who stocked and ran the very busy bar and refreshments stalls.
- ❖ to all the staff at school who helped sending out ParentMails, collecting donations and who manned stalls on the day.
- ❖ to the wonderful car park attendants who spent hours in the school car park finding spaces for as many people as they could.
- ❖ to the cash counters who worked well into the evening and never complained once.
- ❖ to the class reps who helped whip up all the help we needed on our stalls.
- ❖ and to everyone who attended the fair we hope you had a great time and look forward to seeing you at next years' event!

And finally to the Summer Fair team you know who you are this would certainly not have been as great a day without your hard work and I really appreciate all the time and effort you have spent in making this a well run event, and a fabulous day!



Congratulations to the winners of the 2013 Summer Fair Drawing Competition – (Merlin)

We are more than pleased with the passion and interest shown by our young and talented artists. It sure made the making of the decision a difficult one. After much consideration, we have made our choice and are pleased to announce the following winners:

The 2013 Summer Fair Drawing contest received entries focussing on the theme “A Summer Fair”. This was truly a collective effort and we would like to thank all our young participants for making this competition a great success.



Bethany Byrne (KS1)



Megan Spring (KS2)

Jumble Sale

– (Kerry Duffy, Billie Preston, Lucinda Mundy, Anja Smith)

On the 15th of June the PTA hosted St Dunstan’s Jumble Sale. We have so many people to thank for its huge success. To everyone who donated their Jumble and baked cakes, without you it wouldn't have been possible. To everyone that donated their time setting up, Friday after school and on the Saturday Morning, it went like a military operation and your help was very much appreciated. And to the people who came on the Saturday to man stalls and help run the kitchen, Thank you - Thank you.

The day ran with such a lovely atmosphere and saw lots of people through the door, we weren't blessed with the weather but luckily it didn't seem to stop people venturing out. We even had a family arrive with a tray of sandwiches for the workers, which was just so lovely.

We are still waiting for the hear back from the people at Phil a Bag with the total amount raised with all of the left over clothes but on the day the Jumble Sale took £640.45, to which we were delighted about. We will let you know all know as soon as possible the total amount taken for the Jumble Sale.



Many Thanks from the Jumble Sale Team

Bike Sale

– (James & Claire Dane)

Alongside the jumble sale on June 15th we ran a very successful bike sale. Firstly some thanks: a massive thank you to all who helped on the day with repairs, taking money and testing bikes. Secondly a huge thank you to anyone who

brought bikes along for sale or donation - we wouldn't have had a sale without you!

In total on the day we raised £442.50, and hope to add to this from the summer fair where we'll be selling off the last few donated bikes and scooters.



Updates PTA TUCK TABLE

– (Kerry Duffy)

A big Thank You to all the year 2 children, parents and helpers for all the generous donations and of course to everyone who spent at our latest Tuck Table which raised a phenomenal amount of £175.13. Well Done Year 2. They certainly seem to know how to bake cakes :)

Combining this with previous tuck table takings, so far this year we have raised a fantastic amount, totalling £1469.71 for the PTA.

With still another 2 Tuck tables to go, I am so impressed with the amount raised this year on the Tuck Tables, all of which goes straight back into the school, benefiting all of the St Dunstan's Pupils.



Thank you for continuous support.

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
Year 5 - 26/04/13 - £142.75
Year 4 - 10/05/13 - £143.20
Year 3 - 23/05/13 - £100.00
Year 2 - 14/06/13 - £175.13

School Jackpot – (Mike Chenery)

The winners of the previous monthly draws are:

March	-	Mr & Mrs Bennets (£15) and Valerie Brennan (£15)
April	-	Mrs R Cook (£15) and Valerie Brennan (£15)
May	-	Martin Cox (£15) and Orlaith McGrath (£15)
June	-	Mr R Rashbrook (£100) and Mr P Sharkey (£50)

The school jackpot is an excellent fund-raiser and generated in excess of £2000 last year to help 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.

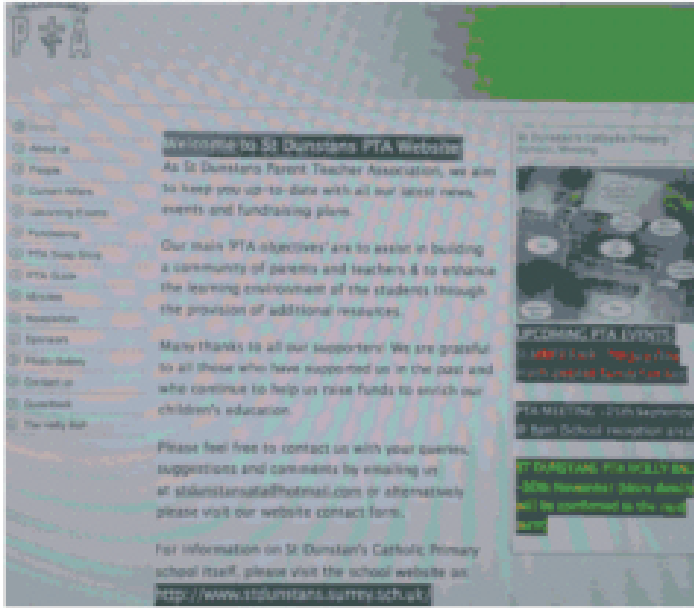
If you are not already a member of the Jackpot but would like to be or would like more numbers or know someone that would then please e-mail: michael.chenery@sky.com who can e-mail you an application form. Please note that Michael Chenery who has run the School Jackpot for the last three years will be stepping down in September 2013 and handing over this role to Genevieve Melbourne Webb.

PTA Website

– (Merlin)

The PTA website is regularly updated and includes minutes from PTA committee meetings, latest fundraising news, plus has the PTA events calendar etc. Have a look...

To access the PTA website, please visit the school website and then click on parent teacher association.



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

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Support the PTA

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Disco

– (Elaine D'Silva)

We had the School Disco on 3rd May. Everyone had a brilliant time, see for yourself in the photo gallery on the PTA website & the below picture. I would like to thank all the teachers and parents who helped on the night to made it such a hit.

Together we raised £896 for the PTA, so well done to everyone. The next one will be on 18th October, a little earlier than usual in the new school year.



FUNDRAISING UPDATE – (Yvonne Dore)

Cake sales - Year 3 raised £100 bringing the total raised to date £1,290.58. Year 2 had their sale last Friday but the cash for that is yet to be received and there are 2 sales left to go until the end of the school year.

Jumble Sale - Proved very popular. Profit is £640.45

Bike sale - Currently £70 float is included in the figures as funds are still to be handed over due to amounts still being given back to parents for the bikes that were sold.

Swimming contributions - An additional £215 has been received since the last meeting bringing the total received to date to £2,585.50.

Uniform sales - Another sale has been held since the last meeting but takings not yet received so the total raised to date has been left at £305 as per our last meeting. Please do continue to donate your good quality uniforms via the school office, especially with the summer fair coming up at which they hope to have a stall if there is enough stock. This includes school winter coats.

Theatre tickets - Tickets were sold for Priscilla Queen of the Desert. 20 were sold resulting in a profit of £30 (£1.50 per ticket).

Other costs/income

Summers fair - Included in the figures are sponsorship amounts received from Seymours (£150), Burns (£250) plus a parent/carer donation of £100. We have also received £100 from 4 external stallholders. Costs of printing the raffle tickets have also been incurred of £140.75 as has the cost of prizes purchased so far of £173 purchased from the Burns donation. Tesco had a half price offer on their waterproof gazebos, so 5 were purchased at a cost of £40.50 each. bags and the pegs, guy ropes and instruction books are in the bags.

Results so far:

We currently have a fund raising surplus of £14,528 for the year to date with approximately £30,500 in the bank. Removing the £8,000 ring-fenced for the trim trail this leaves £22,500 as at 19th of June 2013.

Donations to School:

£275 for living eggs, approx. £3,500 for swimming lessons £2,000 for new stage lighting, £214 for House bibs, £530 for Micro Librarian software, £5,000 towards Control Technology which totals £11,519 plus a contribution towards a new stage to be agreed towards the end of the year based on the year end position.

Online Shopping via School

Deals 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%

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:

St. Dunstan's
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Set up an event!



Tidy after an event!



Man a stall!
(for as little as half an hour)

Bake a cake!



Sell sweets
or
RAFFLE
TICKETS

You could also:

★ Join the Summer Fair Team

★ Donate raffle prizes

★ Assist with printing leaflets/posters or other publicity

★ Have your own business sponsor an event or stall

Help the PTA and your children! Email the PTA to be placed on a database stdunstanspta@hotmail.com