



NEWSLETTER Winter 2011



Thornhill Primary School



Where your children come first

Welcome back after the Autumn half term break! This winter edition of the Thornhill School PTA newsletter brings news of the events from the first half term of this school year and details of events leading up to Christmas. First, news of the money raised so far this school year and the purchases made by the PTA for the children.

Money raised:

- Infant Cinema Evening £400
- Junior Cinema Evening £300
- Christmas Cards £540
- Wales and West Donation £300



Purchases made:

- School Minibus
- Audio/ visual equipment
- Coaches for trip to Pantomime

PTA Fundraising
TARGET 2011 / 2012:
£6,500

Up and coming events

Thornhill Primary School 20th Anniversary

20 years ago Thornhill Primary School opened its doors to just 53 pupils. In that time hundreds of children have passed through the classrooms. A lovely reunion ceremony was recreated with Mrs Julie Morgan AM proudly presenting a plaque to the Head, Mr. Paul Tucker, 20 years after Mrs

Morgan was part of the original opening ceremony! To mark the anniversary the PTA organised a great Family Fun Night at Futsal, Llanishen. Over 200 children and adults enjoyed inflatables, side shows, face painting and a disco. To round the night off was a "strictly" barn dance! One of the former pupils, Polly Lake (Pickford)

of Absolute Radio returned as guest DJ.



Bake Sale : Year 1
9th November



Shopping Evening
17th November



Chocolate Tuesday
15th November
Chocolate Tombola Day
18th November



Christmas Fair
25th November



Bake Sale : Year 6
7th December



Christmas Disco
9th December



Carols by Candlelight
12th December



Non Uniform Day
20th December



Bake Sale : Year 2
11th January



Thornhill Footy Challenge
January 2012



Curry and Quiz Night
26th January

Shopping Evening

The Christmas Shopping Event will be held on Thursday 17th November from 7-9 pm in the School Hall. Tickets can be purchased at a cost of £2.50 which includes a complementary class of Wine and a mince pie!

There will be a variety of stalls including, Usbourne Books, Kath's Xmas Cakes , PhoenixCards, Jewellery, Candy Cones, Avon Simply Christmas, Pink Boutique, Treehouse Toys, Kool Crafts, Dotty Cupcakes, Dippy Dips, Manicures /

Pedicures , bar , raffle and Thornhill School Christmas Trees!

Tickets can be requested through the school using the form on the parentmail sent on 20th October or by email to: thornhillpta@hotmail.co.uk

Non Uniform Day



The 20th December will be our first non-uniform day at school. So put on your glad rags all for just a £1 donation to our fundraising target for 2011 / 2012.

Chocolate Tombola

This year the very popular Chocolate tombola will be an event in it's own right, held in the school hall straight after school on Friday November 18th. Please send the children to school with £1 on the day to purchase their ticket in class ready!

Oh no they didn't!

Oh yes they did! the PTA have funded the transportation for all Infant and Junior children to attend the Pantomime this term. And don't worry, we will be doing something special for the nursery children as well.

PTA Meetings

Since the last newsletter there have been two meetings; 12th and 28th Oct. and three informal Committee meetings on 21st and 23rd of September and 14th October. For a copy of the minutes, please email thornhillpta@hotmail.co.uk

Bags2School

Thank you to everyone who filled their Bag2School Bag to help raise money for the school. This initiative was a great success with many donating 8, 9 and even 10 bags! We had so many bags that we managed to bury Mr Tucker in his office!

Christmas Cards

Last term, the PTA organised for the children to design their very own Christmas Cards. It was a phenomenal success, raising £540. The children loved this activity and the card designs were fantastic. Our thanks to the teachers for their support and to parents for placing the orders and making this activity a great success.

Next PTA Meeting :
Monday 7th November
6:00pm—7:00pm
School Staff Room



We will be arranging another collection in April next year, so in the meantime please hang on to any unwanted items to donate next time!

Audio / Visual Equipment

Last term the PTA funded new audio / visual equipment for the school hall to be used for assemblies, concerts and the Cinema Evenings. The new equipment was used at the recent Junior Cinema and what a big difference it made!

Christmas Concerts

This year the children's Christmas Concerts will be filmed by our Year 6 students and copies will be available to purchase. Order forms will be handed out on the day of the concert . You are also still welcome to film the concert yourselves.

Thanks

To Wales and West Utilities and parent, Gerard Green for their generous donation of £300.

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Minibus

The much anticipated School minibus arrived on Monday 31st October, funded by the PTA from 2009 / 2010 fundraising.

The minibus will benefit our children's education by giving the ability to do class trips. The bus can also be used for club events like sport league matches and concerts.

By putting in place reciprocal arrangements with other local schools with minibuses, the school will also have the capacity to take entire classes out on trips.

The purchase of the minibus was a direct result of your responses to the parent questionnaire at the start of the school year, asking for a greater focus on sporting activities and after school clubs.



Former PTA Chair Toni Crocker and current Treasurer, Mel Phillips handed over the keys to Mr Tucker.

It was immediately put into good use, with it's maiden voyage by Mrs Flowers, who took a group of eager Year 5 pupils to an art exhibition in Cardiff Bay.



Shop for the School

As you get ready to do your Christmas Shopping this year, consider using easyfundraising.org.uk. It's an easy way to shop online with your favorite stores and raise money at the same time for the school. Just go to the website, search for the cause 'Thornhill Primary School PTA—Cardiff', sign up to support us and start shopping! Thanks to parent, Stephanie Gorbutt for this great idea!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Ever heard of Yellow Moon? It sells craft supplies, stocking fillers, games and present. If you order through Thornhill Primary School, the school gets 25% cashback. Just quote STH1459 when ordering.

www.yellowmoon.org.uk

Christmas Fayre



This year's Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday November 25th. This is our largest and most successful event of the year. This year will see a few changes, the chocolate tombola in recent years has caused an issue with long queues, therefore this year we will be doing the Christmas Chocolate Tombola as a separate event on Friday 18th November.

We are going to have lots of new games including Sling a snowball, Guess the name of the Husky Dog, and many more. We will also be holding a 'Christmas Hamper Auction' of hampers created and decorated by the children.

For the first time the children will be able to have their photograph taken with Father Christmas!



We have Comets craft room for the children with various Christmas activities, like Hands of Santa's cookies plates, personalise a bauble and the ever favourite decorate a cake.

Other stalls that will be at the Christmas Fair are, Santa's Stocking Fillers, Prancers Pet's gifts, Blitzens Bon Bons and DVD's, Cupids Café Corner, Rudolph's Re-cyclers, Dashers' DVD's, books and games, Dancers Decorations, Donners Toy Store, Vixens Wii Challenge and lots, lots more!

The Christmas Grand Raffle will be drawn at the Fayre, ticket books will be sent home with the children on Friday 11th November, Stubs and money to be returned by Wednesday 23rd November.

This year the Fayre will have a programme with a



map showing where all the attractions are. These will be available at the main entrance on the day. If you would like to promote your business in the programme, please email thornhillpta@hotmail.co.uk for more details.

HELP NEEDED

This is our largest event and therefore needs the largest number of volunteers. Please let us know if you can spare just 30mins to volunteer. Email: thornhillpta@hotmail.co.uk

WANTED

We are looking for donations of the following for the Christmas Fair: Unwanted Christmas Decorations, old keys, clear jam / sauce jars, toys, books, DVD's and games. There is a box at the main entrance of the school for you to leave your donations.

Carols by Candlelight



On Monday 12th December there will be a 'Carols by Candlelight' event organised by the School and the PTA which will be held at the Thornhill Church Centre. The children will bring to life the Christmas Story by performing a series of traditional carols and readings. This will be a magical evening to get everyone into the Christmas Spirit. Entry is free and all members of the community are welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Football Tournament



In January, we will be holding the first Thornhill School footy challenge at Futsal. This is a five a side football competition for children and adults. The children's competition will be in the morning, the adults in the afternoon followed by a presentation ceremony. The entry cost will be £35 per team adult team and £20 per children's team, all proceeds going to the school. More information on this in the next Newsletter

Bake Sales

Starting from November, each year group will be holding a Bake Sale. They will take place after school in the playground. We are asking parents to donate whatever cakes they can on the day of your child's year group sale. The money raised by the children will be spent on a purchase of their choice for their classroom. Please support each sale by giving your child 50p on the day of the sale. Dates for the next few sales are listed on page 1.

Thornhill Christmas Trees



Pre-order your Christmas Tree and help raise money for our school!

We are offering you, parents and friends of Thornhill Primary School a unique opportunity to purchase your Christmas Tree and help raise money for the school.

Your tree can be conveniently pre-ordered with a small deposit and can be collected from our school.

The trees are premium Nordman Firs, the most popular Christmas tree species which has a low needle drop and will measure between 5ft and 5ft 6in.

The total cost is a very competitive £35, a deposit of £10 is made when the order is placed and the balance of £25, payable on collection.

We are also offering delivery at a small additional cost of £2.50, to homes in Thornhill, Rhiwbina, Llanishen and Lisvane only

The trees can be ordered at the Christmas Shopping Evening, the Christmas Fair and order forms will be sent out via parentmail. Or you can complete the form opposite and return to the school with the deposit of £10.

This enterprise is being run by our Year 5 pupils.

Chris

Name _____

Mobile _____

E-mail _____

Eldest Childs Name _____ Class _____

(Please tick)

I would like to order a Christmas tree

I enclose a £10 deposit (£25 then payable on collection / delivery)

I would like my tree delivered (£2.50 payable on delivery)

Address _____