



Meldreth Primary School PTA Newsletter

Autumn 2015
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Total raised this school year - £307.00



Well done Jay Class



Jay class cake sale WOW what a great job they did – **fabulous total £108.60.** £54.30 goes straight to Jay class for extra resources. It was lovely to see so many Parents, Grandparents and carers in the hall for a cuppa and cake after school, hope to see you there next time!

NEWS

This is the 1st newsletter of the new school year 2015/16. We would like to thank everyone for their support last year and are thrilled with the amount we managed to raise. During 2014/15 we raised a staggering £8,000.... making all the hard work worth it! Importantly, all funds go back to the school, supporting the education of our children, and providing them with a fun and enriching environment. We are very fortunate to have the heated outdoor swimming pool at Meldreth, fully funded by you, the PTA. Without our continued fundraising this much loved facility cannot be maintained.

Our AGM took place on the 29th September. Sadly, we said goodbye to some longstanding PTA committee members including our Chair, a role we were unable to fill at the AGM. In accordance with our Constitution, without a named Chair person the PTA would be forced to fold. We were pleased to welcome 2 new committee members and fortunately, prior to the deadline for voting in a Chair at our first PTA meeting on the 13th October we were pleased to announce 2 new co-chairs who will share this duty. Phew!!

We are always looking for people to join the committee or bring new ideas or help out at events. Please do speak up!

Finally, we would like to extend a welcome to all the new families at school. Normally, the Back to School BBQ, a fun social event for all is the ideal opportunity to meet and welcome our new families. Unfortunately, we were beaten by the weather this year. Look out for a Spring BBQ instead. Nonetheless, we look forward to seeing you at our other planned events throughout the year.

Any fundraising ideas gratefully received!

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DO YOU SHOP ONLINE? BUYING CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?

If so you could help us raise money without it costing you an extra penny!!!!

Sign up to easyfundraising online, select Meldreth Primary School PTA as your cause and then select your usual shops through the site. The school will then get a cashback donation. <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/meldrethpta> So far we have **raised in excess of £1,200** with **just 46** supporters. Imagine what we might be able to achieve if more people sign up.

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PTA – KEY CONTACTS

Email: meldrethpta@gmail.com
Chair – Sam Turner /Nina Lancaster
Treasurer – Penny Gibbs
Secretary – Sarah Helme

Next meeting – Tuesday 10th November

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



School Disco!

Friday 13th November

Entry £2.50 – squash and water will be available. We will also have a tuck shop with sweets and snacks for sale.

KS1 4.30-5.45

KS2 6.00-7.30



NON – UNIFORM

Thursday 26th November.

Decorate yourself for decoration day. Christmas themed dress up day - don't forget your filled jam jars (sweets, toys etc) and bottle donation – What would you like to win on the tombola?



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 28th Nov 12.30-3.00pm.

We are currently booking stalls. Come and meet Father Christmas and get in the Christmas spirit. There will be lots of things to do including tombola, raffle, Christmas crafts, face painting and refreshments. There will also be an opportunity to buy a present or two for Mum and Dad!



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PTA CALENDAR 2015

Month	Events
November 2015	Friday 13th - School Disco w/c 16th - Bring in your colour themed item for the Christmas hamper Thursday 26th - Decoration Day - Bring in a filled jar and a bottle, in return wear non-uniform. Saturday 28th - Christmas Market
December 2015	Friday 11th - Swallow Class cake sale Christmas Holidays!!!!
January 2016	
February 2016	Friday 5th - Kingfisher cake sale Friday 26th - School Disco
March 2016	Friday 4th - Quiz night - Friday 4 th March 2016 Friday 18th - Robin class cake sale
April 2016	
May 2016	Friday 13th - Chaffinch class cake sale Spring BBQ and family quiz - date TBA Friday 20th - School Disco
June 2016	Saturday 18th - Camping at school
July 2016	Friday 8th - Woodpecker cake sale Summer event (BBQ, swimming, bar) - date TBA Friday 15th - School Disco

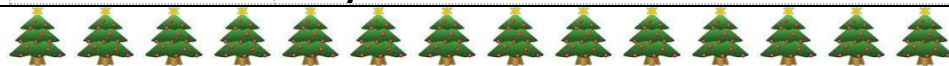
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We've set up a page on Facebook

Meldreth Primary School PTA

We are asking that any parents who use Facebook 'like' the page to keep in touch with the PTA and events we run.

Alternatively, visit your **Meldreth PTA website** accessible through the school website. Here you can also find out more about the members – who we are (& what we look like!). See us at the school gates or PTA events.



Countdown to Christmas Market

We can't believe we are talking about Christmas already but it is less than 4 weeks away until the Christmas market.

The school Christmas Market is on the 28th November from 12.30-3.00pm. Come and join in the fun, there will be seasonal refreshments, a secrets room, tombola, face painting, external stalls, Christmas crafts and Father Christmas will be paying us a visit too.

2nd week back after half term Raffle tickets will be coming home in book bags – Prizes include our fantastic colour themed class hampers, Tesco hamper, Bury Lane Farm voucher, Shepreth Wildlife Park voucher, Teacake voucher, and much more.

Week of 16th November Raffle boxes will be in the classrooms. Following the success of previous raffles we are doing class hampers as prizes. The theme this year is Christmas. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Red – Robin Purple – Jay Green – Kingfisher
Gold – Swallow Silver – Chaffinch Blue – Woodpecker

Thursday 26th November NON-UNIFORM - Decorate yourself for decoration day. Christmas themed dress up day – Instead of money we ask for a filled jam jar (sweets, toys etc) and a bottle (drinks, toiletries etc) they will then be part of the tombola stalls – What would you like to win?

Saturday 28th November 12.30 – 3.00pm CHRISTMAS MARKET

WE ALWAYS NEED HELPERS IN ORDER TO RUN THESE EVENTS. IF YOU CAN OFFER ANY TIME PLEASE LET US KNOW – Thank you.
We will be putting up list in order for you to volunteer it could be for as little as an half an hour, any help is greatly appreciated.



SCHOOL WISH LIST

- ★ New adventure playground
- ★ Choir T-shirts
- ★ Library refurbishment/furniture
- ★ Playground markings

WISHES GRANTED BY PTA

- ★ Green book bag for every new Robin

Having a pre-Christmas clearout?? Look out for the blue textile recycling bin next to the village hall... Profits are shared between Meldreth Primary school & pre-school.



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Help your PTA committee to help your children



We know you have probably heard this all before, but without your help we are unable to run events, we are very grateful for any help whatever it may be. The **school disco** has, unfortunately, become a close run event. On several occasions last year we were on the brink of having to **cancel**. In order to run it safely we must have enough people to meet our child:adult ratio. Please look out for a volunteering slip in your child's book bag. Sign up to help and receive a 50% discount on your child's ticket.

Helping out for an event need not be much – for example standing in the hall at either the KS1 or KS2 disco, helping set up or clear away or helping out on a stall at Christmas market (for 30mins or the whole event), wrapping presents in advance for the secrets room.

Please get in touch via our Facebook page or return this slip to Mrs Robinson in the office. There will be no obligation and we certainly won't be expecting everyone to be able to help at every event.

Name _____ Class _____

Contact details _____

Hand in completed slips to the office at school or drop us a note on our Facebook page.