

# St. Joseph's Preparatory School PTFA Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010

Dear Parents.

Just a quick update regarding PTFA events

## Christmas events

The Christmas activities were a great success, and I would like to thank everyone who took part in them, Christmas cards raised £172.00.... Christmas raffle £608.00 ... Christmas Disco £185.00.

## PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30 pm at Trentham Hotel. All welcome

## Masquerade Ball

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a ticket for the Annual Ball. There are still tickets left, please contact me if you would like any more details or if you wish to purchase a ticket. You can also send the deposit into school for my attention.

On the evening of the Ball we hold an auction. Can you help us buy donating an Auction Prize? Do you own a business; would you be willing to auction off a service? Do you know any contacts that could assist us? Even if you are not going to the Ball please contact me if you can help.

## 50/50 club

Please consider joining the 50/50 club, if you would like any details please contact me. You can pay by direct debit or pay the full amount by cheque or cash. The amount is £2.00 per month, which is split 50/50 into a prize and PTA funds.

Congratulations to no 16 who won £35 (January draw)

## School Uniform

Just to remind you that I have some good quality second hand uniform for sale. If you have any uniform that no longer fits your child please think about donating it. All money raised goes to the PTA.

## Easy fundraising

Please remember if you shop on the Internet please consider using the fundraising for school website. They make a monetary donation to the PTA if you purchase items via the website at no cost to you!

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/stjosephsprep](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/stjosephsprep)

The PTA is primarily about raising funds for the school. At the moment we are raising money to have interactive whiteboards in every classroom. A whiteboard was fitted in September and I am delighted to say that we have enough funds to purchase another one. Unfortunately as is the case in many schools, a few parents run and organise the PTA. At the last PTA meeting other than myself, only the parents of 2 children attended. As a parent who works full time I am only too aware of the busy lives that we lead and the saying "MORE HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK IS VERY TRUE". We have worked very hard to make sure that the PTA does not appear to be insular or a clique. The reward that we get for the hard work is seeing the children have a good time at the events we hold and the benefit of the support that we are able to give to the school, such as the mini bus. We all have children at the school so please support the PTA in whatever way you can.

## Hanford Day Nursery

As you are aware Matt Shone is a parent at the school and is also Managing Director of Hanford Day Nursery. Since July 09, they have provided a very valuable holiday club on the school premises. Matt has recently donated £800 to the PTA and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his very kind and generous contribution.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

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