



Parent Teacher Association

NEWSLETTER- November 2016

Fundraising Update- Halloween Disco

Thank you to all staff and parents who helped out at the Halloween Discos on Friday 14 October. ***Without your help we simply couldn't run events like this! We raised an amazing £485!***



It was great to watch the children dancing away during the evening. At the end of the night the DJ commented on how well the children had behaved throughout both discos. **Well done everyone!**

PTA Tidy Up - Saturday 8 October



Mr Crilly and a team of parents/ carers got to work on tidying up the school gardens on our first PTA Tidy Up!

Enjoying a cup of tea after the session Mr Crilly commented "The weather was very kind and we were able to accomplish an amazing amount of work in just 3 hours. A lot of cleaning, sweeping and weeding took place and the garden area in key stage 1 has been totally transformed.

A big thank you goes to Mr Khular, Mr Ruddle, Mrs Dubiton and Mr & Mrs Sadlier.

We will arrange some further PTA Tidy Up sessions so watch this space for more details and please join us if you can!

Woodthorne PTA Christmas Fayre



The magic of Christmas is coming to Woodthorne on Friday 9 December. We need you all to help make our Christmas Fayre a big success. Here's how you can help:

- ✓ Send in donations of cakes, biscuits mince pies or samosas for the refreshment stalls
- ✓ Help us set up from 1.00pm on the day
- ✓ Run a stall on the day
- ✓ Set up your own stall- if you have any ideas for new stalls we would love to hear from you!

Friday 9 December will be a non-uniform day. Children can attend school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation to the tombola: chocolates, a bottle, or a gift!

Keep an eye on your child's book bag for more details.

There's nothing quite like a unique Christmas card designed by your child!



The children have been busy designing their own Christmas card and now you will be able to send family and friends their unique masterpiece!

You will soon receive a sample of your child's card with an order form where you can select from a number of options. For each order placed a contribution will be made to PTA funds! **Orders will need to be placed by 16 November.**

Exciting news! Raise funds for Woodthorne PTA with

Butlin's

If you are a parent of a child who attends Woodthorne and are planning to book a break at a Butlins site, you will now be able to raise funds for your PTA when you book your break.

For each break booked quoting our unique code **WPTA1**, Butlins will award 5% of the value of the break to Woodthorne PTA.

To book your break :

1. Visit www.butlins.com/pta
2. Click on the button:
BOOK HERE FOR PTA DONATIONS
3. On the next page you will be asked to enter your PTA Code. Please enter **WPTA1**, click the yellow button and then scroll down the page to make your booking!

You can also make your booking by calling Butlins on 0330 102 5287 and quote **WPTA1**.



PTA Parent /Carer Survey results



The findings of the PTA Parent Carer survey that was completed over the summer have now been published.

We received 36 responses to this survey.

- Most of you responding to the survey told us that you enjoyed the events that were run last year whilst also giving us some suggestions for improvement.
- You also told us that you would most like to see the PTA funds spent on 'resources to support learning'
- Several of you also made suggestions on events that the PTA can run in future. There is a good list of suggestions and we will consider these as we plan events over the coming months.

To read the full report from the survey please visit:

<http://www.woodthorneprimary.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Summer-PTA-questionnaire-2016-outcomes.pdf>

But please do remember, **it's your PTA** so if you wish to make any comments or suggestions we're always happy to hear from you. Talk to one of your PTA Officers, come along to our meetings or email us at:

secretary.woodthornepta@gmail.com

'Tis the season for Christmas shopping

As Christmas shopping season starts to get into swing please help us raise funds for the PTA by logging on to the Easyfundraising website when you make your online purchases.

By registering on the site you can raise funds every time you shop online on a vast number of online retailers including Next, Debenhams, Argos, Ebay, Amazon, Asda etc.



For each purchase the PTA can earn between 1% and 3% of the value of the order. It costs you no more and your child will benefit.

Visit www.easyfundraising.co.uk

If you require any help in accessing the site and getting started please contact one of your PTA officers or email us at **secretary.woodthornepta@gmail.com**



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We hope that the children are enjoying the Free Home Access to EducationCity which is in place until the end of November.

Let us know what you think of it.
We will write to you during November to ask if you would like to continue to access EducationCity from home after this period

Woodthorne PTA thanks you all for your continued support

