



# MORDIFORD CE SCHOOL

## PTFA NEWSLETTER - OCT 15

# READY STEADY GO....

**A new school year and the PTFA are off to a flying start with a number of events already scheduled and £1000's committed to projects to greatly improve the educational experience of our children.**

Thanks to all those who attended the AGM and PTFA ordinary meeting last month. Committee members were elected and special roles assigned. There was little change on the Committee with myself, Michelle Storrer and Mel Edwards re-elected into the roles of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary respectively. Jo Evans stepped down as Treasurer after many years of supporting the PTFA in the role. Our huge thanks go to Jo for all her help in managing the PTFA's finances over the years. Julie Ince was elected as the new treasurer and we are grateful to her for taking on this important role. Jo and Julie will be working together to handover during the first few months. See over for a full list of Committee members, Year Group Reps and special roles.

The PTFA made a profit of **£8,402** through its fundraising activities in the last academic year and start the year with **£13,150** in the bank. Around £6000 of this will go towards the PTFA's committed payments for the year which covers things like swimming transport, the school trip fund, Year 4 music, Christmas presents and the Year 6 leaver's event. See over for a full list of committed payments.

£2500 has been committed to supporting the Mordiford CE School Year of Reading through library improvements. We will continue to report on how exactly the money is spent.

The children have already been enjoying the results of some of the £250 which has been committed to creating a quiet area in the corner of the playground outside the kitchen. Plants and new seating have been put in place to create a more secluded place in the otherwise noisy and hectic playground. The PTFA are immensely grateful to **Pengethley Garden Centre** who donated a bench and chair for the area and gave a generous discount on the plants. There are further plans to install a water butt to collect rainwater to water the plants and to keep the area drier. We are also looking at something to go on the ground in the area to further distinguish it aesthetically from the rest of the playground.



At the meeting, the PTFA also agreed to support maths tuition in School by allotting £100 per class for new teaching materials.

Our first fundraising target of the coming year will be to raise enough money to meet the committed payments for the 2016/17 academic year. Having this money in the bank will allow School to plan ahead and also ensure possible new Committees will have a headstart on fundraising. Once we've reached this target, we will be aiming to raise money for new iPads and hopefully these will start going into school around Easter.

How do we plan to raise this money? I was overwhelmed by the response of Year Group Reps to planning events for the year. Details for some events are to be confirmed but look out for Yr 1's Easter Extravaganza, Yr 2's Bonfire Night, Yr 3's Summer Event, Yr 4's End of Year Event, Yr 5's Christmas Quiz, Yr 6's Bingo Night and many other events in between.

As I said, it's all go for the PTFA. We look forward to another great year, **Julie Homersley - PTFA Chair.**



# Fireworks & Bonfire Night - Friday 6th November

One of the highlights of the PTFA calendar! Gates open at 5.30pm. Bonfire lighting at 6.30pm. Fireworks at 7pm. BBQ, Bar and other refreshments available. Reduced price advanced tickets on sale from School office and in the playground. Family of 4 £10, Adult £5, Child £2.

Thanks to Year 2 for organising this event. Lots of volunteers are needed to set up on the day and help out in the evening so please lend your support where you can. Please contact Michelle Storrer, Kim Dales or Julie Homersley if you are able to help out.

## PTFA Committee 2015/16

Chair	Julie Homersley
Vice-Chair	Michelle Storrer
Treasurer	Julie Ince
Secretary	Mel Edwards
Year 6 Reps	Carrie Gwynne Jo Evans
Year 5 Rep	Mel Edwards
Year 4 Rep	Jane Williams
Year 3 Reps	Carol Wellstead Kerry Rowlatt
Year 2 Reps	Sam Taylor Jodie Betteridge Kim Dales
Year 1 Reps	Sian Edwards Victoria Oaten
Reception Reps	Sally Lodo Sadie Thomasson
50/50	Laura Plant & Esther Taylor
School Uniform	Carrie Gwynne
Bag 2 School/Cartridge Recycling	Michelle Storrer
Press & PR	Julie Homersley
Social Secretary	Hazel Watson
Giving Machine	Kerry Rowlatt
Working Party	Victoria Oaten
Marquee Hire	Louisa Tobin
Headteacher	Kerry Finney

## Working Party:

The Autumn working party will take place at 2pm on Saturday 7th November. Our main tasks will be taking down tents and generally clearing up after Bonfire Night but there will also be plenty of leaf collecting and other jobs for both young and old to do so make it a family affair. Support for the working parties has been disappointing recently so it would be great to see a good turn out to smarten up our school.

## Spooky Disco - Thursday 22nd October

One of the children's favourite events returns this month with fancy dress (optional) food, drink, games, music and prizes to be won. £3 a ticket.

**Key Stage 1: 5pm - 6.15pm    Key Stage 2: 6.15pm - 7.45pm**

To save your children queuing to get in, you can buy tickets in advance at the school office.

Cake donations are requested - see Kerry Rowlatt or Jo Drummond Jones if you can help.

## PTFA CHRISTMAS QUIZ

### Thursday December 3rd 2015

Year 5 return with their battle of minds for grown-ups only. Parents, family and friends are invited to form teams of 4 and compete against each other to become Mordiford School Quiz Champions. There will be food and a bar and the Christmas Raffle will also be drawn at the event. Look out for posters and more details nearer the time. If you have contacts who can supply prizes for the Christmas raffle please contact Mel Edwards.

### Giving Machine...

And speaking of Christmas, if you're buying gifts online, don't forget to register with [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) and choose Mordiford PTFA as your beneficiary. Then link through to hundreds of websites and earn money for the PTFA as you shop at no cost to you. If you would like any further information speak to Kerry Rowlatt.



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## PTFA EXPENDITURE 2014-15

Committed Payments	
Christmas Trips	£1540.00
Swimming Transport	£1400.00
Year Group Trips	£1400.00
Music Opportunities	£1000.00
Christmas Presents	£360.00
Year 6 Leavers Event	£150.00
PTFA Membership/Insurance	£140.00
Forest School	£50.00
Bible Explore	£25.00
Picnic Benches	£480.00
Christmas Crafts	£150.00
Curriculum Week	£250.00
Gazebos/Marquee/Tipi	£232.00
PTFA Supplies	£224.45
Linguafun Subscription	£99.00
First Aid Course	£50.00
Stock Costs	£149.38

## 50/50 Winners

**June:** 1st Lesley Leach £14.75, 2nd M Baylis £8.85, 3rd Evie Storrer £5.90

**July:** 1st Esther Taylor £14.75, 2nd Olivia Drynda £8.85, 3rd Honor Watts £5.90

**August:** 1st Jacob Broadbridge £14.50, 2nd Amelia Evans £8.70, 3rd Rebecca Bryant £5.80

Please note that, unfortunately, the PTFA Table Top Sale on 17th Oct has been cancelled.