

#### St George's School Bourton - A Church of England School Church Track, Bourton, Gillingham Dorset SP8 5BN Interim Chair – Andrew Toms

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WHAT IS THE PTFA, WHO IS IT FOR AND WHAT DOES IT DO: The St George's PTFA is a group who put our talents and enthusiasm to good use to organise social activities and fundraising events to raise much needed funds to benefit the children's school experience. The Association plays a very active part in developing further links between home and school and holds many events throughout the year. As you can see, we like to keep busy but desperately need people to lead with some of these fabulous ideas as well as trusty volunteers who can roll their sleeves up too and help get the jobs done. See below for how you can get involved.....

#### PLANS FOR THE TERM AHEAD

Monthly Cinema Club – A monthly event run immediately afterschool (Autumn term on a Wednesday once a month) wherein those children in Yrs 1-6 who sign up in advance, get to watch a movie in Gold Base whilst tucking into a drink and popcorn all for just £2/child or £5/family of 3 children – Could you take this on for one session with a friend?

Monthly Tuck Shops — Another good fundraiser which started in the summer term offering a range of treats on a Friday once a month after school — Have you got what it takes to take on 115 children for a 20minute tuck shop sprint by sourcing and serving scrummy treats?

**The Smarties Challenge** – This is being organised by Harriet Rutter for a "take home" fundraiser over the Autumn Half term. *Watch this space...* 

KS1 Bear hunt / Scavenger hunt / Rag Trail – A lovely new idea thanks to three Rainbow base mums, Ria, Lizzie and Sarah. Watch this space...

Quiz & Chips — Calling all competitive parents! Who's up for a quiz night at school with buckets of chips and bring your own drinks? This fun social fundraising event needs a lead person to run it and no doubt a team of hearty volunteers. Don't be shy; get your game face on.

Harvest festival mask competition and cake sale – Thurs Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm sees our lovely Harvest Festival service in Church. We are looking for a willing parent to arrange an autumn mask competition to take place that day and then get everyone back to the School Hall after the service for a cake sale. Needless to say we need a lead person to take this on and rally the bakers amongst us. Step up if you're Bourton's answer to Paul Hollywood or Mary Berry!

**Boardgames and Beetle Drive afternoon** – A fun activity for the children - with the emphasis on fun rather than fundraising. A lead person and volunteers are needed for this one off after school activity.

Autumn Photography competition — Ideally this would be a holiday activity seeing the children return to school with their entries for a presentation in an achievement assembly thereafter. We are looking for a creative organiser to take this on please.

**Pig/Reindeer Racing** – Do you look at this idea and snort with laughter or does it fill your heart with festive joy? Let us know if you are interested in leading the charge on this event. Talking of Reindeers.....

### LET'S GET FESTIVE:

Christmas Bingo — Another idea for an after school activity for the children to enthuse a little more festive fun. Without a volunteer to take it on and run it, we won't get a full house!

The Christmas Fayre – Andrew Toms has volunteered to run this event – hohoho! The date is Fri Dec 7<sup>th</sup> after school with pre-fayre access for those members of the school community who might struggle with the noise and bustle of the main event. Volunteers will be needed to run all the different stalls (there are many!) and Father Christmas himself has sent an elf-o-gram to say he has already saved the date to drop in! *Please see Andrew if you can get involved.* 

**The Christmas Disco** – Eve Wynn has volunteered to run this event. The date is Fri Dec 14<sup>th</sup> in the School Hall. Timings TBC, but likely to be 6pm-7pm for KS1, 7.30pm – 9pm for KS2. DJ Dave will be on the Wheels of Steel!

School Christmas Performances – The two performances in the Hall are on Tues Dec 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1.30pm and Wed Dec 19th @ 6pm. Volunteers are needed for this annual event to organise and run the raffle and serve refreshments.

# **OUTWARD LOOKING FUNDRAISING:**

Salisbury Hospital Stars Appeal and MRI Appeal – A donation of £1/child on Fri Sept 28<sup>th</sup> and wear a star for the day.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day − A donation of £1/child and wear Christmas jumpers on Thurs Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

## TO INFINITY AND BEYOND:

**Stourhead Catering Days** – Please see Helen Bedford to volunteer for this event for which the provisional dates are March 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. MANY volunteers are needed. *Start baking and freezing now and sign up dads to look after the kids!* 

The PTFA Suggestion Box – This is located on the wall on the corner of Gold Base. *Please use it!* 

**Parent volunteers who make up the committee of the PTFA:** Andrew Toms: Interim Chairman, Zowie Crocker: Vice-Chair, Amee Perry: Treasurer, Helen Bedford: Interim Secretary. However, all parents automatically belong to the PTFA.

The next PTFA meeting will be held on Tuesday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> at White Gates, Fantley Lane Silton at 7.30pm – There is absolutely no obligation to say a word at the meeting if you simply want to come and see how it works, but rest assured there will be wine!