



Anstey Junior School PTA Newsletter October 2013

Hello all and welcome to another year at Anstey.

Last Wednesday was the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for our PTA. Unfortunately we had a very small turn out (12 which included 3 staff) and at the meeting I stood down as chair and Lou Morrish stood down as secretary. There was no one in a position to become chair at the meeting and since there was also no secretary Mrs Brown has offered to step in for the time being to fill the secretary's role although as you can appreciate she is already very busy with her job at the school.

It was agreed that there should be another meeting on Tuesday 5th November at 6:30pm to decide the future of the PTA at Anstey. And in the meantime a plea for more helpers including a Chair or Co-chairs would be made.

For the time being please find a list of proposed events for this academic year. **Obviously** they will only be able to go ahead if the PTA has enough volunteers to continue.

So who is your present PTA?

Chair - Position vacant

Secretary - Mrs Brown (although this position could be filled by a parent)



Treasurer - Nick Twining who has William in year 4.

Class Reps:

3W - Position Vacant

3K - Position Vacant

4H - Position Vacant

4K - Kerry who has Edward in this class



5G - Linda Trower who has Nell in this class (committee member)



5D - Vicky Healy who has Noah in this class as well as Iris in 4H
(Committee member)



6W - Lynne Norfolk who has Ellie in this class and many of you will know from working at the infant school. (Committee member)

6M - Position Vacant

Other key members:



Claire Caldwell - who has a Bethan in year 6 has been in charge of our school uniform sales for the past few years. As this is now online she has kindly offered to run our Junior PTA a new project for last year
(committee member)



Lou Morrish - who has William and Ellen in year 5, has kindly offered to help maintain our website and will remain a signatory so that we can keep running our bank account.

Obviously as parents of children at Anstey you are all automatically members of the PTA and we know how much you help us with making/buying cakes, providing money for tea afternoons, providing prizes for the tombola, selling and buying raffle tickets and supporting the events themselves. If any of you would like to be more involved or would like to help with the class rep role then please do contact the school office. We always need help and really appreciate your time.

Money raised:

Last year we made over £5000 with all of our fund raising.

And what has the money been spent on:

Well last year the PTA spent £750 on Athletics so that every child could access this great resource, gave £3 per child towards school trips, bought crackers for the Christmas dinner, paid for the theatre company that visited, paid for all of the year 6 children to have a leavers present, bought the school gazebos and a BBQ, paid for prizes for science week and spent over £2000 for the school to buy a new sound system for the school hall. This year we have already paid for Athletics again and £3 towards school trips for every child.

What are we working towards?

The school are looking to buy some tablet computers for each year group and would also like to buy a visualiser which will cost £1000. We will keep you updated.

Ways in which we raise money:



Cake Sales

As part of the school curriculum the children need to learn about money and how this relates to their lives. The school sponsors a child in India through **act:onaid** <http://www.actionaid.org.uk/> of which the children are all aware. We thought a great way to bring these two things together would be through cake sales. On four occasions during the year different year groups will provide the cakes and run the stall. After the sale the first £25 will go to actionaid, and the rest will go to the year groups for the children to spend on whatever they feel their class needs.

The sales are kindly organised by our class reps and letters will come out to all relevant year group parents the week before sales, but if you do love baking and would like to donate a cake (even though your child isn't in that year group) these will always be happily accepted on the day of the sale at the school office. All the cake sale dates on our events list attached.

Gift Sales

We hold gift sales at Christmas, Mother's Day and Father's Day to give your children the chance to buy you presents without you there!

Send your children into school with £2 (or better still find someone else to give your child £2) and they will be able to choose you a lovely gift which will be wrapped and tagged and ready to give to on the appropriate day. The gift sales will be at lunchtimes in the library. We will send out reminders nearer the time.

Also....

As well as these there will be Tea Afternoons, raffles, Mufti days and the sale of lots of cakes!!!!

Along with events at school here are a few other ways that you can also help raise money for the school:

easyfundraising .org.uk

- This is a FREE service where you can shop with your favourite online stores and at no extra cost raise funds for the school. You still shop directly with each retailer as you would normally, but simply by using the links from the site first, each purchase you make will generate a cash back donation to the school, instantly raising money. For example make any purchase from Amazon and 2.5% will be donated or purchase a mobile phone from O2 and earn £17.50, and so on. You can shop with 2000+ brand name retailers and to raise funds you just use the links from the site first - it's that simple!

The website link is <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ansteyjnrspta> simply register and then continue shopping. You will also receive regular offers and updates via email on how you can raise extra money.



Alton Toy Shop - Alton Toy Shop have kindly agreed to help towards our fundraising. When you pay please tell the cashier that you would like to donate to Anstey Junior School and they will donate 10% of the cost of your purchase to the school, but the great thing is it won't cost you any extra, so all those birthday and Christmas present purchases will help towards the school and support a local business.



Phil the Bag

Most of you will be aware of this scheme as the Infants use the bags. It is a great way of recycling and fund raising at the same time. You can fill the bags with all types of unwanted textiles including: All kinds of clothing, Shoes, Bags, Belts, Hats, Curtains, Towels, and Bedding. Items are accepted in any condition and if you have more than one bag full you can use any bin bag or carrier bag. Please ask friends and family as we get paid by the kilo so the more you find the more we make.

Events for this half term (if enough volunteers can help):

Non-School Uniform Day - Wednesday 16th October



As it was so successful last year we will be having a raffle of hampers as part of our Christmas fundraising. We are giving each class a colour and asking every child to bring in a donation towards their classes hamper. Letter with class colours to follow shortly.

Disco - Thursday 23rd October (Lower school 5:15-6:30pm; Upper school -6:45-8:00pm)

Tickets will be on sale in school that week - letter home shortly.



Upper School Cake Sale- 25th October



As described earlier in the newsletter. If the weather is bad then the sale will be in Anstey room. Letter home to year 5 and 6 soon and look out for text reminders.

As always if you have any ideas for fundraising, or you have a skill which would be helpful in any of our events, or would just like to help out please do contact the school office.

I have really enjoyed my time as chair and wish everyone involved this year lots of luck.

Liz Wilson

Proposed dates for your diary - All events to be confirmed nearer the time:

16th October - Non-school uniform day - children to bring an item in given colour for Christmas hamper raffle. (Class colours to follow shortly)

23rd October - Spooky disco - fancy dress optional lower school 5:15-6:30 upper school 6:45 - 8

25th October - Upper School cake sale (after school)

8th November - Phil the Bag

28th November - Non-school uniform day - Upper school to bring a bottle, lower school to bring chocolate for tombola

6th December - Christmas fete - details and times to be confirmed (include Father Christmas grotto)

9th, 10th December - Present buying for parents

31st January - Lower School cake sale

13th February - Children's Film Night (lower school after school - 5:15 upper school 5:30-7:30)

24th, 25th March - Mother's Day gift sales

27th March - Easter Tea Afternoon

25th April - Upper School cake sale

23rd May - Lower School cake sale

9th, 10th June - Father's Day gift sales

27th June - Phil the Bag

11th July - Summer Fete

17th July Summer Disco