

St John's Parent Teacher Association

December 2015 Newsletter

Christmas Fair News

The St John's Christmas Fair is **THIS COMING SATURDAY (December 5th)** from 2 until 4pm. It will kick your festive season off with a bang and give your children some magical Christmassy moments.



There will be music from the school choir (who sang beautifully at the Pott Shrigley Christmas Fair last Friday). There will be lots for your children to do - from meeting Santa in his grotto, to decorating biscuits or playing all sorts of festive games .

Raffle and tombola prizes

Many thanks to everyone who donated a prize for the Christmas Fair tombola. It's not too late to drop a prize in at the school office. We're still looking for a star prize for the Christmas fair raffle. Please ask around and do get in touch if you have any contacts with local businesses who you think might donate a prize.

Gardening Club

Gardening Club, led by Faye Daley, has had another strong year - but as the weather has turned in recent weeks, our young gardeners have been making things to sell at the fair - including hand-painted bird nesting boxes and apple jam.

Christmas tree

A huge thank you to Macclesfield Forest for donating a Christmas tree. It's up - all ten foot of it! Many thanks also to Frances Arnott for arranging the donation and to Mrs Roberts for collecting the tree.



Volunteers

We still need volunteers to help out at the Christmas Fair. Please contact us if you can man a stall, help with setting up or clearing up or bake something edible.

Other News

Federation Bags for Life

We've sent off orders for the Federation bags for life and they should be in before Christmas. If you missed the order deadline but you'd still like one, please contact Anna Tappenden as there may be a few extras.

200 Club

The next draw is at the Christmas Fair. Membership of the 200 club is £13 a year. There are 4 draws a year - each with a top prize of £100. To join in time for the next draw, please return an application form by Friday December 4th. Or, for more details, email StJohnsPTA200club@gmail.com.

Film night

On Friday November 20th the hall was packed with children from across the federation who came to see *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* at the federation film night. We raised £93.22 for the PTA. The kids had a great time. Thanks to everyone who supported the event and helped out - especially to members of staff Lucy Jobbins, Mel Walker and Sarah Boustead.



Website

The PTA has a section on the new school website <http://www.pottstjohns.co.uk/>.

New IT equipment

The PTA has given the school £1,500 towards new IT equipment. Mrs Walker has purchased a station to store and charge the school iPads (as well as new laptops which were bought with match-funding from the Diocese).

Easy fundraising

A reminder that you can raise free donations to the school when you shop online by registering with easyfundraising.org.uk or thegivingmachine.co.uk. Last year St John's parents raised more than £250 for the school using these two schemes. There is no cost to

you at all, so please sign-up before you do your Christmas shopping!

Fundraising for Railway Children

Over £52 was raised for Railway Children at the celebration assembly on Friday November 27th. Railway Children supports vulnerable children at risk on the streets in India, East Africa and in the UK. It's benefitting from match-funding from the government until January 22nd so this money will be doubled to £104. A huge thank you to all who donated or baked. There will be a craft stall in aid of Railway Children at the Christmas Fair and, in January, there will be a 'when I grow up' fundraising non-uniform day when we'll be asking children to come in dressed up to show what they want to be/do when they grow up.



Do you live in the UK?

Your donation will be doubled by the UK government until 22 January 2016

