

PTA NEWS

Welcome back everyone and we hope that you had a lovely summer break even if it does seem like a somewhat distant memory now! A warm welcome to the Year 3 parents too, we hope that you and your children are settling into the junior school.

We have a relatively calm first half term in regards to PTA events and this is because we have the Christmas Fair on Saturday 23rd November. This is the biggest event of the school year for the PTA and it is a case of 'all hands on deck'.

Facebook

All of the events that are run are put onto the PTA Facebook page so please join the Facebook group to keep up to date with all the events:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CHJSPTA/>

PTASocial

PTASocial is an online app we use to try and get as much information out as we can about every PTA event we run as well as using it to coordinate volunteers. Any help anyone can give: making cakes, stuffing envelopes, volunteering etc is all greatly appreciated there is no such thing as too little or too much help.

IF YOU SIGN UP TO PTASOCIAL IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY VOLUNTEERING TO HELP, COMMITTING YOUR TIME OR DOING ANYTHING YOU DON'T WANT OR DON'T HAVE TIME TO DO. IT IS MERELY A LOGIN ON FOR AN APP (LIKE SCHOOL GATEWAY ETC). WE BELIEVE IT IS THE BEST WAY WE HAVE FOUND OF PUTTING PTA INFORMATION IN ONE PLACE, GIVING CLEAR TIMINGS FOR HELPERS AND TRANSPARENCY TO SEE WHO ELSE IS INVOLVED.

You can sign up to PTASocial by using the below link to register.

<https://app.ptasocial.com/register/friendsofchjs>

This term's events are as follows:

Movie Night – Friday 27th September 3:30 – 5:30pm

We will be offering a choice of 4 films for the children to choose from: Early Man, Despicable Me 3, Sherlock Gnomes and Goosebumps. The children will be provided with a substantial snack (nut free) and a drink. Tickets will be available via Schoolgateway and will be £3.50.

Bag2School – Thursday 17th October 9am

Bag2School collect bags of unwanted clothing from the school and in return gives cash to the school. The heavier our bags, the more money the school gets. So turn out your cupboards and fill your bag with unwanted clothes. Use bin liners if you wish to fill more than one bag. Bag2School accepts all quality clothing (children's and adult's), shoes (tied together or elastic band around), hats, handbags, bags, lingerie, scarves, ties, and belts and soft toys. All items should be clean and suitable for re-use. No bric-a-brac please or school/work uniform. If any friends or relatives are having a clear out ask them to bag up suitable items then bring these bags into school too. Bin liners are fine! Bag2School collections consistently raise over £100 a time for the school. We would love to raise even more. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Non Uniform Day – Friday 8th November

The children can wear non uniform to school in return for children's tombola donations.

Non Uniform Day – Friday 15th November

The children can wear non uniform to school in return for adult's tombola donations.

Christmas Fair – Saturday 23rd November 12 – 3pm

The biggest event of the PTA school year and a great day for the children and families alike.

7th December – Pantomime – Sleeping Beauty

Like last year reduced price pantomime tickets will be available for the whole family to attend on the morning of 7th December. Further information will follow so keep your eyes peeled.

Cake Sale (Festive theme) – Friday 13th December 3:15 -3:50pm

The first cake sale of the school year. Donations (nut and sesame free) are greatly appreciated and can be handed in at school drop off on Friday morning.

Below is a list of all of the events planned for the school year with links to volunteer for the current term. Please put all the dates in your diary as we cannot run any of these events without donations, helpers and volunteers. This term's events are on PTA social so please use the links below to sign up to help out.

PTA Events

Winter Term		
27 th September 2019	Movie Night	https://school.plansocial.app/events/58213
17 th October 2019	Bags2School	https://school.plansocial.app/events/58214
8 th November 2019	Non Uniform Day (Children Tombola donations)	
15 th November 2019	Non Uniform Day (Adult Tombola uniform)	
23 rd November 2019	Christmas Fair	https://school.plansocial.app/events/58215
7 th December 2019	Pantomime – Sleeping Beauty	
13 th December 2019	Cake Sale (Festive theme)	https://school.plansocial.app/events/58233
Spring Term		
8 th February 2020	Quiz Night (in collaboration with Infants)	
14 th February 2020	Cake Sale (Valentine theme)	
20 th March 2020	Mother's Day Flower Sale	
27 th March 2020	School Disco	
Summer Term		
Ice Lollies Sales	Alternating with the Infant school	
May 2020	Bags2School	
14 th June 2020	St Albans Half Marathon	
19 th June 2020	Father's Day Card Sale	
20 th June 2020	Summer BBQ	

Many thanks

Florine and the PTA committee