

Archibald First School PTFA

Autumn Newsletter



A Warm Welcome...

...to families and friends old and new. We hope you all had a lovely summer and are all raring to go for the new school year.

The PTFA have lots of fun events already planned for this year – some old favourites but also some new activities for all the family to enjoy. For full details of the event dates please see attached list of events.

It's not too late though to suggest new ideas – we welcome all suggestions and always appreciate people bringing fresh and new ideas to help generate money for the children and have fun along the way!

Where your Money Goes

Last year the PTFA has helped fund **£8,500** of activities and equipment on the following:

- Contributions for every class trip
- Donation to support the School Council
- Free book bags for all reception children
 - Donations to support each class
- Lollies for the end of term Cullercoats trip

Thank You!

Before we get started with the news for this year coming the PTFA would like to say a big 'Thank You' for your continued help and support last year.

All your contributions helped us raise **£11,000** for the school. We are very proud of this achievement and are so happy that all the children will get the benefit of this money to further enhance their time at Archibald First School.

We've had great fun planning and running the activities and hope you and the children have had just as much fun taking part!

Here's some of the money they raised last year:

Archibald Balls	£1,600
Christmas Fair	£2,600
Summer Fair	£2,300
Sponsored Hop	£1,700
Disco	£1,250
Cake sales	£750
Ice Lolly Sales	£200

Want to get more involved?

At the PTFA we appreciate all the help we could get to make the events run smoothly. We understand that sometimes all you can give is an hour of your time. If, however, you feel you want to get more involved in the PTFA then now's your chance! We are looking for someone to fill the position of Social Secretary on the committee. The role involves working with the rest of the PTFA to help run and organize events – if you are interested or want to learn more about what the role involves then please get in touch!

Nomination forms will need to be submitted by the 12th October for the AGM.

As ever we are also looking for class reps for all the classes. The class reps play an important role in helping us spread the word throughout the year groups on upcoming events, requests for help and of course arranging the all-important class Cake Sale! You can always share the role with a friend, but if you would like to put your name forward then please let us know. We are particularly keen to get class reps set up for Nursery and Reception classes.

Upcoming Events

September Friday 21st: Class 10 Cake Sale – First cake sale of the year! Always a popular event after school on a Friday. Come to the small hall and choose from a delicious selection of sweet treats – 4 for £1

September Friday 28th: International Food Festival – Following the success of the stall at the Summer Fair we are organising a new after-school event. This is a great opportunity for you and the children to sample delicious homecooked food from different countries and cultures as well as a great social event for families old and new to catch up and make new friends.

The PTFA are looking for volunteers to cook dishes to bring along on the day to sell – you don't have to be a top chef - it's not Masterchef! We just really appreciate your contributions – large or small. Please get in touch if you would like to help with this event.

October Friday 12th: AGM & Quiz Night – in the upstairs room of The Gosforth Hotel. It's not too early to get your team together and get some revision in!

October Wednesday 10th: Disco (Years 2 – 4) – Children, get your dancing shoes on – it's Disco time! Another popular event for the children – plenty of fun for them on the evening. In addition to the dancing, there is a chill out room, raffle, mini shop and a free drink and chocolate bar! Watch out for the letter regarding tickets. This event is just for the older years but don't worry – the younger children get their chance to attend later on in the school year.

October Friday 19th: Class 9 Cake Sale – Round 2 of the class cake sale! Time for some more delicious cakes!

All our events are on the school website so please check there for further details and events. We also communicate via letter, text and through your class reps as much as possible.

Online Shopping via EasyFundraising

Did you know you could raise money for the school every time you shop? Shop at all popular online retailers like Amazon and John Lewis and a small commission is paid by the retailer direct to the PTFA.

Simply go to easyfundraising.org.uk and search for the cause Archibald 1st School PTFA. From a tablet or phone, just download the **Easyfundraising App** and use it to shop at all your favourite shops.

GDPR

We are sure you are all aware of the new GDPR regulations that came in force at the end of May 2018. Please note that the PTFA does not keep any records or mailing lists of people's personal details. Any details that are captured as part of returns of offers for help are used for the sole purpose of contacting you regarding that specific event and the paper records are then subsequently destroyed.

Getting in Touch

- email: archibaldchair@yahoo.co.uk
 - Contact your class rep
 - Or grab us in the school yard