

# Archibald First School PTFA

## Summer Newsletter

### ***Time for change...***

...the current PTFA committee call time on their service at the end of this school year after 2 fun-filled years of helping to organise and run all the great events which have hopefully been enjoyed by adults and children alike.

We are now looking for a new committee to take charge and looking for willing volunteers to put their name forward for the roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary which are the 3 key roles to help the PTFA run smoothly.

Please don't be daunted by the task – it's really not as time consuming and hectic as some people think and it's really about giving as much or little time as you can but benefits the PTFA adds to our children's journey through their early school life is fantastic.

It also a great way to spend more time with friends and make new ones so if you think this is something you want to get involved or have some questions with then please get in touch. We really want to get the committee up and running as soon as possible.

### ***New School Banner***

This year at the Greggs Cancer run we had a brand new school banner to help families gather together and show the support of Archibald First School at the event. Thanks to Lucia Hiden (Mum to Theo Yr3) for suggesting this and the PTFA would like to say special thanks to local design company WonderStuff who very kindly designed the banner for free.

### ***Special Thank You***

To Adrienne Lowry who has done a fantastic job over the last few years organising the Christmas, Mothers and Father's Day cards and presents that bring us all so much joy to receive from the children. Adrienne has decided it's time to hand the baton on and we are now looking for someone to take this role on – if this is something you would like to get involved with please get in touch. (Full handover support will be provided!)

### ***Summer Fair***

It's that time of year again where the PTFA are starting to get busy planning the summer fair. This is always a great family day and although we can't guarantee the weather- we can promise lots of fun and activities for everyone.

As much as the PTFA enjoy planning the event it would be great if you got involved too – it helps us bring new and fresh ideas to the event and continue to grow the success of each year. Please get in touch if there is any support you can offer – this can range from helping to plan the event, suggestion for a stall, donating a raffle prize or helping out on the day – all help is really appreciated.

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June<sup>t</sup>: Bring a Bottle Day** – All donations for are welcome for kid's tombola, pull a string and bottle hoopla. In return for kind donations children will have a non-uniform day. If you are able to help in the morning to sort through all the fantastic donations please get in touch - the more hands we have the quicker we can get the job done!

**Friday's from 7<sup>th</sup> June – end of term: Ice Lolly Sales** – Following on from last year's success the PTFA will be selling ice lollies after school every Friday – let's hope for the sun to shine again for us this year

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Grown Ups Film Night:** It was a great evening for the event we ran back in March so we thought we would give it another offering. This time the film is Ferris Bueller's Day Off. Please return your slip to school along with £5 in a sealed envelope marked: **FAO: PTFA Film Night.**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Summer Fair** – Get the date in your diary for this fun family event! Lots of stalls on offer to win some great prizes, bouncy castle for children and the ever-popular BBQ and beer stall for refreshments.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Disco (Reception – Year 4)** – Last Disco of the school year and this one is open for all children from reception to year 4 so children get your dancing shoes on. This is always a 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.

**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](http://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.

## PTFA Funds Update

Below is a summary of the money generated by the PTFA events in the Spring term:

**Sponsored Hop - £912   Disco - £582   Food Festival - £212**

A huge thanks to everyone who helped contribute to the success of these events. The money you have raised went towards funding the following activities for our children:

Year1 Alnwick Castle, Year2 Blue Reef Aquarium, Year3 Stone Age Man and Professor Brainstorm

## Getting in Touch

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