



6th June 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Oswald Road PTA- Updates and Events

We have a couple of events coming up this half term. Here are some dates for your diary plus details of what we do and how you can get involved:

Summer Fair- Main School Hall, 11am- 2pm, Saturday 18th June

Quite literally all the fun of the fair, with games, stalls, facepainting, arts and crafts room, a bouncy castle and lots more besides! Plus the Summer Bake-off cake competition and mini-gardens competition.

Big Picnic in the Park: Longford Park- 12pm-3pm, Sunday 10th July

Free social event, great opportunity to get together with friends and families to celebrate the end of the school year. Just turn up, bring your own picnic and join in the fun!

End of term Disco, Main School Hall

FS & KS1- Wednesday 13th July, 6pm-7:15pm

KS2- Thursday 14th July, 6pm-7:30pm

Get you dancing shoes on and celebrate the end of the school year in style!

“We need your help!”

Here are some ways you could get involved with PTA events. Please email oswaldptachair@gmail.com to get in touch:

Volunteer for one hour a year

We need the most help at the Christmas and at the Summer Fairs each year. These two annual events require loads of volunteer helpers. If you could volunteer on a stall, activity or game for just one or two hours it would be a great help. Just email us to say if you're happy to do general volunteering at PTA events. If you have any additional skills (first aid, face painting, cooking, craft making or anything else) please let us know!

Bake cakes

We sell all the cakes entered in the cake competitions for the Christmas and Summer Fairs, plus we have a few cake sales throughout the year as a fundraiser. Just email and say that you'd like to go on the cake making volunteer list.

Cook food for the fairs

At each fair we make and sell a variety of food. We usually make hotdogs on the day, and also serve a variety of



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vegetarian curries and side dishes. If you could make a batch of chickpea curry (recipe can be provided!) or vegetarian samosas, bhajis, or other dishes at home to bring in at the start of the fair on Sat 18th June, please reply and let us know.

Donations of Goods

We require donations of prizes for our raffle and tombola. If you own or work for a local business, would you be able to donate a raffle prize once or twice a year? If not, we also require lots of smaller items to be donated to our tombola, such as chocolates, small luxury gifts, bath products etc. We also need quality second hand toys and books- please donate any complete, non-broken toys, books, DVDs and CDs. Please drop off any donations to the school reception.

Join Easy Fundraising

Easiest one of all! Raise money just by doing your normal online shopping, from supermarkets to booking holidays. Just copy the address below into your browser or search engine, and follow the instructions:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/forschorlton>

Then, by simply clicking a button on your browser, the PTA will get a 1-10% cash donation **from the retailer** of your purchase with a huge selection of online retailers, including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Argos, some supermarkets and a whole lot more. You pay the same, they give us some of their (enormous, often undertaxed) profits!

It costs you nothing, takes about 3 minutes to set up, there are no adverts or junk mail etc- it will just notify you when you can use it with your purchase. If every family signed up we could make an amazing difference to the school, without doing anything at all...

Have bright ideas!

If you have a brilliant idea for an event or fundraiser, or the skills, talents or contacts to make one happen, please get in touch- we'd love to hear from you! Send us an email or pop in to a meeting.

To get in touch, please email oswaldptachair@gmail.com . Hope you had a great half term, see you at the Summer Fair!

Kind regards,

Mark- PTA Chair

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