



Crowmarsh PTA



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CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS BARTON, THE STAFF AND THE GOVERNORS FOR CROWMARSH BEING LISTED IN THE SUNDAY TIMES TOP 200 SCHOOLS IN ENGLAND

The PTA is a group of people who look for ways to build friendships, raise funds and provide the school with opportunities to enhance the children's educational and life experiences

THIS TERM'S EVENTS

- Film Night - on 15th January, straight after school, we will be showing *Inside Out*. Children from After-School club will gain free entry, otherwise £2.50 to include a hotdog, crisps and drink.
- The PTA and Cubs Quiz Night - on 22nd January. Join us for a post-christmas night of fun, with a delicious chilli dinner, cooked by the cubs, and licensed bar. Quizmaster Extraordinaire Mr Nigel Hannigan will be testing our general knowledge skills, so please come and support this event to raise funds for both the PTA and Cubs!
- On February 11th there will be a Valentines' Disco. Following the success of the Halloween Disco we have booked Fizzical Disco again. We are hoping to have a photo booth at this event, so look out for further information.

PTA MEETING NEWS

- Our three events from the autumn terms - Film Night, Halloween Disco and Carols by Candlelight - were a huge success, raising a little over £1500 for PTA funds. A huge, huge thank you to all the parents, carers, staff and helpers for being so supportive.
- Following on from last term's meeting it was voted that the PTA would pay £3000 towards the cost of internal educational events this year. Mrs Lucas and Mrs Barton stressed the importance of these activities to consolidate and extend the children's learning in a fun and exciting way.
- We have four parents that have stepped forward to support the PTA as Class Reps. Leanne Miller is the new Class R rep, Kelly Sabey and Louise Bridges will jointly represent classes 1 and 4, and Mary Smyth will be the Class 2 Rep. Thank you to them for taking on this valuable role. If anyone would like to step forward to take on classes 3, 5 and 6 then please let us know.
- There was a request for the PTA to look at funding the KS1 cooking for the rest of the year. After discussion, the PTA decided that the £540 that it would cost may be better used elsewhere.
- There will be a sub-committee set up in the next couple of weeks to begin organising the fete that will support the Thames Run on May 22nd. This is a fun way to get involved and help decide what will be included, so if you would like to help out then watch the school newsletter for the first date.

THANK YOU'S

To the Donkey Sanctuary for their support and magic at the Carols by Candlelight.

To the awesome Blewbury Brass Band for providing us with a fabulous festive feast of music at the Carols.

Mrs Zimmerman for her help to get the crowd singing.

Mrs Barton for supporting and helping at EVERY event.

To Mr Hannigan for always making sure that the school is open for PTA events, and then again to close up at the end.

Thank you to Mrs Rance for her support and help in making sure that everything runs smoothly. Her help is too enormous to list as she does so much.

And anyone else that we have missed!

Sign-up sheets for helping can be found on the PTA board in Reception. (behind the front door) Once we have enough volunteers, events will be confirmed and instruction sheets circulated.

Approximately half a dozen people are needed for each event. The events will sadly not be able to run if we do not have enough volunteers.

WAYS TO HELP

- Attend the termly Committee meetings, to be held on the first Monday of each new term. - Come and have your say about how we spend PTA funds.
- Volunteer your time by signing up in Reception to help out at the PTA events.
- Become a Class Rep, rallying class support for PTA events, organising class socials and teacher gifts.
- Come and enjoy the events .
- Sign up to Give As You Live www.giveasyoulive.com/crowmarshpta, which donates a percentage of your online shop to your designated charity. Valid for many of the major retail sites such as Tesco, Ocado, Sainsbury etc.

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