

# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



## News from The Victoria Dock Primary School P. T. F. A.

It's quite a while since we last sent you a newsletter so here's a summary of what the PTFA will be doing up to Christmas and a review of the finances for the last school year.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Halloween Disco - Arranged for this Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30 p.m. until 7.00 p.m. (note slightly earlier end time). Please remember to buy your child's ticket in advance as this helps us with our catering requirements.

Bag2School - You will all have now received a plastic sack and letter regarding this term's collection which has been arranged for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00 a.m. Our previous collection raised £125.00 so please have a good clear out! Remember the more bags we collect the more cash the school receives.



### CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Christmas Disco - This has been booked for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Save the date but more details will follow nearer the time.

Christmas Colouring Competitions - These will be sent out in December.

Christmas Fair - The PTFA will run a refreshments stall again at the Fair which is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

The Grand Draw - We have decided **NOT** to run a Grand Draw this year so we will not be asking you to sell the books of raffle tickets for us. Although this has raised a lot of money in the past (£430.00 last year), we recognise the state of the current economic climate and how that affects all of us. We shall still sell raffle tickets for £1.00 each at the various Christmas productions however.

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**REVIEW OF THE FINANCES**

During the last school year we raised a net total of £3781 and we donated to the school £3690 which resulted in a small surplus of £91.00. The balance of the bank account stands at £1805 so we are in a very healthy financial position. We spent the money on the following items: sports equipment (£1905), school choir (£101), reference books (£109), after-school/day time clubs (£338), outside storage unit (£450), inside christmas tree (£75), I-Pod Touch (£207), Year 6 leaving gifts (£255) and prom night fireworks (£250).

**THE 100 CLUB LOTTERY**

The lottery is now coming into its second year and is still doing very well - thank you again to everyone that has been a member at some point. Remember, by joining the lottery does NOT mean you have signed up for life! You can do it for just 6 or 12 months and then opt out if you wish. The more people we have in it though means a bigger prize fund! A number costs £1 per month and you can hold between 1 and 5 numbers. You can pay monthly if you wish, by standing order, or upfront for 6/12 months by cheque or cash. There will always be places available so if you haven't joined in then why not have a go? As the saying goes, you have to be in it to win it!

There will be 2 additional winners in November as a thank you to everyone that has renewed their membership and again in December as a Christmas special.

Can all outstanding renewal forms be returned as soon as possible so that they can be processed in time for the November draw.

Full details of the lottery and the monthly winning numbers are posted on the website under the PTFA heading.

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Thank you very much for taking the time to read this newsletter, and a 'big thank you' to all the children, parents and staff for supporting our fund raising events. We are always looking for new members to join the PTFA, so please, feel free to contact Mrs. Njie in the office if you would like any further information.

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To: Sarah McGurn, Treasurer, PTFA (c/o The School Office)

I would be interested in joining the 100 Club Lottery. Please send me more details.

Name.....

Name of pupil..... in Year.....