

# St Augustine's PTFA Newsletter–March 19

Hello from all of us on the PTFA committee, we hope you have all had a great start to 2019!



We have had an excellent start to the school year since September, with film clubs, cake sales, muffy days, refreshment stands, Christmas Cards and a Christmas and Valentines disco. Thank you all for the support you show for our fundraising schemes!

So far we have raised almost **£4,000!!!** That is amazing and your contributions will do wonderful things for our children and our school.

Our current fund raising focus has shifted since October. The original plan of a loop of paving to go around the school field, so that the area can be used in all weathers, will be still be on the school's agenda. However, the more pressing need is actually to **improve some of the facilities in the school.** We will be looking to purchase ovens and kitchen equipment so that children can experiment and have fun with cooking. We have also just purchased a fabulous new notice board that will be installed on the fence close to the office, so that both the school and PTFA can keep you up to date on all news and events.

We have raised lots so far and we hope to be able to give up to £10,000 over the course of the year if we can rise to the challenge again!

*Huge thanks to Rachael Thomas and Chris Lougee who were able to each give us £500 each from their employer's charity 'match-funding' scheme after helping at last year's Summer Event, ColourFest!*

*If your employer/business has a similar scheme and you are willing to let us get involved, or if you have any useful contacts, please contact the school!*

We are in desperate need of helpers to join our friendly team!! Without the wonderful parents who volunteer their time we would be unable to make all these fun events happen. This would impact the fundraising for the school and also the experiences for our children. If you think you could help at any of our events, not necessarily on the committee, but just to help us on the day, then please come and speak to one of us or leave us a note at the front office. It is a great group of people and a strong committee, but we could always do with more help to make our events run even more smoothly – we would especially love more men to join... Come on chaps!

Did you know that we also have a FACEBOOK page? It is a closed group for information purposes only, but it is a great way to keep up to date with all our events. Search for ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY RC SCHOOL PTFA and ask to join. The page admin team will send a security question for you to reply to before you become active on the page, but it only takes a moment to do.

PTFA events coming soon – keep an eye out for more information in your child's bookbag on each one as they draw near and how you and your children can get involved.

Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Film Club – Hotel Transylvania 3
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mother's Day gift sale – More details to follow
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> April	EASTER BAKE OFF!!!! Bake some Easter themed treats over the weekend and they will be judged on Monday in assembly and sold in the afternoon at the cake sale for all year groups. Prizes for winners!
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Cake sale – shopkeepers will be year 4 children and parents
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Film Club – TBC

Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Cake sale – shopkeepers will be year 5 children and parents
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day gift sale – More details to follow
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Mufti Day – Tombola Donations for Summer Event
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Event – Date not finalised so keep an eye out for further information
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Disco – One last party before the school year ends
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	PTFA Fundraiser BYO Quiz night. (Something for the grown ups!!) – Early notice as will take place quite quickly after we return in September. Pop the date in your diaries!

So... that's it for now from us. Thanks again for all your support. See you in the playground!

From the PTFA Co-Chairs: Anne-Marie Lougee & Esther Dow

## PTFA Structure 2018/19

Co-Chairs - Anne-Marie Lougee & Esther Dow

Secretary Team - Claire Brown & Ali Davies

Treasury Team - Vicki Jefferies, Jo Parsons