



Ashwell PTA

Ashwell School PTA Newsletter Autumn Term 2011

NEWS FLASH!!!!

It's been a great year of fundraising by you all raising a massive £15,200 profit for the School.

Huge thanks goes to everyone who has made this possible, whether you have attended or helped at an event, baked a cake or made a chilli, danced along to Elvis, learnt to belly dance, played the beetle game, brought a tea towel last Christmas or bought an ice cream in the playground this summer.

There cannot be many schools whose parents can say that they have done all those different events in a year, and had fun whilst raising such a tremendous amount to support their children's school.

THANK YOU!

Recent Events

Since September 2010 the PTA has organised the following, enjoyed by many and help raise funds for the school (profit shown):

Events:		Fundraising:	
Quiz Night -	£ 1,536.82	Christmas Puddings	£ 63.00
Firework Night	£ 1,794.16	Bags 2 School	£ 332.70
Turkey Dinner	£ 1,091.65	Tea Towels	£ 431.57
Burns Night	£ 1,818.87	Christmas Cards	£ 89.50
School Disco	£ 700.00	Gift wrap	£ 137.00
Let Them Eat Cake	£ 373.50	Belly Dancing	£ 125.00
Table Top Sale	£ 477.50	Yearbook	£ 119.20
Elvis Night	£ 830.17	Ice Creams	£ 164.00
Ashwell at Home	£ 1,016.00	Beetle Drive	£ 46.00
		Donations	£ 234.95
		Ashwell Show	£ 3,200.00
		120 Club	£ 700.00

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported and contributed to these events.

Something Old/Something New

The PTA have held many events this year, the traditional events, Firework Night, quiz night and Turkey Dinner, held annually as well as trying many new events, which we hope those who attend enjoyed.

The Easter Egg Competition was very successful with loads of entries from all year groups. The art work was fantastic and it was very hard to judge, but well done to all those who had a go, Ashwell School has many budding artists.

In May a group of ladies had a go at belly dancing with a fantastic teacher Nicole Rubio. It was much harder than it looked but a good work out while having a good laugh over a glass of wine.

In June Ashwell School played host to Elvis who rocked the night away with his fans who flocked to the school to see him. A great night was had by everyone, and although Elvis has left the building, will he make a return next year?

A beetle drive was held for the children, who were full of enthusiasm at learning a new game, and at the same time improving their maths skills and not even knowing it

To round off the school year, along with Let Them Eat cake, the PTA sold ice creams in the playground which we hope was a good way to end the school week during the last half term

What has been funded?

Thanks to the efforts of the PTA and the generosity of parents, the PTA has been able to fund a variety of resources in excess of what the school budget will stretch to. These include reading books for all classes and the Library, resources for the Foundation Stage, posters and song books, laser printers, photo packs, DVD's, mats, improvements to the ICT equipment during the summer holiday, laptops and netbooks and improvements to and the running costs of the swimming pool.

Diary Dates

Here are some forthcoming events, please put them in your diaries and attend if you can! We always need people to help with running events, so if you feel that you have time or talent to share, please let us know.

Date / Time	Event	Location
Friday 14 th October	Townsend House Concert	Townsend House
Friday 22 nd October	Let Them Eat Cake (Yr6)	School
Sunday 6 th November	Firework Night	Hinxworth Village Hall
Thursday 24 th November	Let Them Eat Cake (Yr5)	School
Saturday 10 rd December	Turkey Dinner	School
Saturday 21 st January 2012	Burns Night	School
Friday 27 th January 2012	Let Them Eat Cake (Yr4)	School

The PTA is looking to next year and is hoping to do something in connection with the Olympics. So if you have any ideas on a way we can celebrate this major event in our Country, please come along to a meeting. We are a very social bunch and welcome all new ideas or speak to anyone on the committee.

Thanks

This PTA Newsletter is a thank you to all of you who have supported previous events, for your time in helping setup/run/clear up an event, your donations for the event or simply attending an event. And to give you plenty of advance warning for future events so you can get the dates in your diary.

Many budgets are stretched at the moment, including the school's. The PTA aims to organise a variety of fun social and fundraising events with the purpose of funding additional equipment and facilities for the benefit of our children.

Matched Funding

Many businesses run a matched funding scheme as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility Program. For an employee involved in running a local charity event, they will match funds raised at that event. The employee involvement can be minimal and this potentially allows us to double the money we raise at events throughout the year. Many companies do this, especially banks, public utilities and large multi-nationals. Some examples are:

3i	Co-operative	Morgan Stanley Dean Witter
3i Deutschland GmbH	Credit Suisse First Boston	National Grid
Abbey National Plc	De La Rue	National Power
ABN Amro	Deloitte Consulting	Natwest
Accenture	Deutsche Bank	NFC
Alfred Dunhill Ltd	DHL	Northern Electric
Alliance & Leicester	Diageo, HSBC	O2
Alliance Capital Ltd	Dixons Group	Pearson
Allied Domecq	Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein	Philip Morris
American Express	EMI Group	Philips Singapore
Andersen	Energis	PWC
Anglian Water	Ericsson Telecom AB	Proctor & Gamble
Argos	Exxon Mobil	Reuters
ARM Holdings plc	Fidelity Investments	Robert Fleming & Co
ASDA	First Bus	Rolls Royce
AT Kearney	Ford Motor Company	Royal and Sun Alliance
AXA	GlaxoSmithKline plc	Royal Bank of Scotland Group
Aviva	Goldman Sachs	RSB Group
BAA	Guardian Royal Exchange	Sainsbury
Bank of America	Halifax	Schroders
Bank of England	HSBC	Seaboard
Bank of Scotland	IBM	Shell
Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi	IDEO	Siemens Medical
Bankers Trust	Industrial Bank of Japan	Sigma Securities
Barclays Capital	Invensys	Southern Electric
Barclays Group	Kingfisher	Stagecoach Holdings
BG Group	KPMG	Standard & Poor's
Booker	Legal & General	Sun Life of Canada
Boots	Lehman Brothers	Swiss Bank Corp
Boston Consulting Group	Littlewoods	Tesco
BP	Lloyds TSB	Thames Water
Bradford & Bingley	Marks and Spencer	UBS Warburg
Bristol-Myers Squibb	McKinsey & Co	United Airlines
BT	Mercury Asset Management	Vodafone
Cable & Wireless	Merrill Lynch	Warner Music International
Camelot	Microsoft	W H Smith
Cap Gemini	Midland Bank	Woolwich
Capital International Research	Midlands Electricity	Yorkshire Bank
Carlsberg Tetley	Mitsubishi Research Institute	Yorkshire Water
Centrica	Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation	
Citibank Group		
Citigroup		

Many other companies will do this if asked, even though they don't have a formal scheme. Please check out your employer's policy and get in touch with us if you can help.

This really is a way you can make a huge difference for minimum effort.