

New look PTA for new school year

Welcome back to another school year at Sytchampton, and in particular a BIG HELLO to all the parents who are new to the school. It was good to meet them at our Parents' Meal (The curry at Spice Fusion was a great way to kick off our social calendar!) The PTA is a registered charity which exists to raise money for the 'extras' for the school and to help enhance the school commu-

nity by putting on social events. We meet about 8 times a year and we have already held our Annual General Meeting this year. There are a few new faces on the committee. We welcome Penny Mason and Debbie Holbeche who are jointly taking on the secretary role. Pennie Gould is stepping up to be vice chairman and Ruth Stacy is the new Media Contacts Officer. We are delighted

that Pascale Riley has agreed to do a third year as Treasurer. A huge thank you to Bethan Houston and Debs Hutchinson who have resigned from the committee. Their input last year helped us achieve an amazing amount. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead, please get the PTA dates in your diary! **Gillian Hancock, PTA Chair**

What a year.....

Last year the PTA donated a massive £9,000 to the school. We had a bumper year of fundraising, topped off by the fantastic Summer Ball. So how was the money spent? The majority (£7,500) has gone towards the modernisation of the school's interior, but we've also continued to fund the reading scheme, the text messaging service, musical instruments, sound systems for the classrooms, school trips, play equipment for the reception class, Easter and Christmas treats and contribute toward the year 4 leavers celebration. Thank you to everyone who helped and donated.

Fright night fun

We have organised a Halloween Disco on Friday 25th October between 5.30pm and 7pm. It's in the school hall and there will be games, apple bobbing, a spider hunt and loads more. We'll have a prize for the best Halloween costume too. See your class rep for tickets.



Taking the stress out of Christmas

The PTA is helping you take the stress out of Christmas. We're putting on another shopping night. It will be at the village hall on Tuesday

12th November from 7pm until 9pm. And if you are stressed there is even more reason to come along; we are combining it with the pamper

evening! So once you've shopped you can get your nails done, have a massage or reflexology. Tickets are £3 and it includes a glass of wine and nibbles. See your class rep. We will also be selling you unique Christmas cards featuring a design created by your child. You'll get the chance to order them after half term and the completed packs will be delivered at the start of December. Don't forget wrapping paper – we'll be selling that too along with all the other Northbrook Christmas products.



Your class reps

Reception

Claire Kneebone
Debbie Holbeche

Year 1

Debra Hutchinson
Ann Haughty

Year 2

Bethan Houston

Year 3

Caroline Mockford

Year 4

Emma Bambrook

Diary dates

25th October

PTA Meeting, at school, 2pm,
Halloween disco, School Hall,
5.30-7pm

12th November

Christmas shopping and pamper
evening, 7-9pm, Village Hall

20th November

Children's Film night, School
3-4.45pm

6th December

Christmas Bazaar, School, 1-3pm

Join the 100 club

Ann Haughty is going to be running the 100 club once again. Pay £1 to pick a number and you'll be entered into a monthly draw to win a cash prize. The jackpot is not as big as the lottery, but your odds of winning are much bigger!

A final word....

After three years of producing the PTA newsletter Suzanne Johnston-Hubbold is unplugging her keyboard! We need someone to take over. If you're interested please speak to Gillian Hancock.