



Carrington Schools PTA

November 2016



Welcome to a bumper edition of the PTA newsletter, celebrating the biggest term of fundraising EVER!

Following a record-breaking year for fund raising and thanks to the hard work of many of our parents and volunteers, we've been able to raise a whopping amount of money this term.

Our annual OctoBall was once again a huge success, with phenomenal profits of over

£7000!

Our enormous thanks to **Joh White** and **Mark Long** who put in so much effort to make sure that the night was not only a lot of fun, but a massive fundraiser for the school. You can see what everyone got up to in the special at the end of this newsletter and if that gets you in the mood for more, next year's Ball is planned for Saturday 14th October!

The fireworks event was also a great success this year, our best yet, with ticket sales of over 2500! The event is a tremendous team effort between Carrington Schools, Juniper Hill School and the Scouts and is a wonderful night for the whole family. Our enormous thanks go to everyone who helped make it happen, in particular **John Urquhart** and **Mark Nunn** who did a fabulous job of organising and running the event on behalf of the PTA. In total, the amount raised for Carrington was a sky rocketing

£3000!

Committee Update!

We're very pleased to tell you that the new core Committee is taking shape! **Emily Phelps** (with a child in Reception) is going to take over as Secretary, while **Annabel Osborne** (with children in Reception and Year 2) will become Treasurer in the new school year. We are so grateful to these ladies for offering their time and talents! This means we can have a relaxed handover this year and come September the new team can start work straightaway on the next exciting fundraising events.

We're now just in need of a Chair and Vice-Chair to work alongside Emily and Annabel and complete the core Committee. It's a brilliant way to be involved with the schools as well as meet other parents (and friends!). It can take as much time as you are able to commit (no more, no less!), but we legally need to fill the roles in order to keep fundraising! Please contact us to find out more carringtonpta@gmail.com

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on

Tues 17th January

at The Stag pub, Flackwell Heath

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Christmas is a mere 4 weeks away, which can only mean that it's panto season! We'll soon be enjoying Cinderella at the Wycombe Swan thanks to the magical organising skills of **Jo Sidley**, our panto fairy godmother! We've had a huge response this year which has raised a thigh slapping

£2305!

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket. We hope you have a fantastic night!

With Christmas in mind, we were so pleased to be able to sell Cauliflower Cards. Huge thanks to **Sarah Mills** for organising this festive favourite. Lots of children created their own Christmas cards and we're sure everyone will love to receive the children's beautiful works of art!

We're also thrilled that so many of you have ordered the children's decorative tea towels! Big thanks to **Anne-Marie Kassar** for spending 3 days painstakingly arranging the template, to the school staff for making it possible and, of course, to the children for their fantastic self portraits! Another big thank you to Buchanans Solicitors who very kindly donated the pens for the children to draw them with! The tea towels will be available soon and we have a few extras ordered to buy at the Christmas performances at both schools. Don't miss out!

And lastly, thanks to everyone who donated to Bag2School and to **Sam Ward** for co-ordinating the collection. This raised a superb

£132!

Coming Up!

Chocolate Raffle

The chocolate raffle will be held on the last day of term, with tickets on sale for 20p each from 5th December. Please bring in selection boxes from that date as well - the more we have, the more children can win! There will be donation boxes in the reception area for either school. This year we're also running a Super Raffle at the Junior school to win the ultimate chocolate prize. Tickets for this will be 50p (as well as the normal 20p raffle tickets). Our massive thanks to **Faye Lockhart** and **Jo Goggin** for organising this for the children.

EYFS Refreshments

Hot drinks and mince pies will be available for all the new Carrington parents and their families after the Reception Classes' Christmas plays. Thanks to **Liz Chapman** who has kindly volunteered to take this over from Linda Eames. If anyone is able to help Liz on the day, please let us know.

Infant Christmas Party

A big thank you to **Annabel Osborne** for coordinating the party on 19th December which will include a special visit from Father Christmas! Class reps will be in touch soon with details of which food/drink you'll be asked to bring. Please get in touch if you can help prepare the food boxes before the party.

Gilly's Collection

The lovely **Annabel Osborne** is also collecting for a special Christmas gift for Gilly - a hamper of warm and tasty treats! If you'd like to contribute any amount, please drop your donation into the school offices, marked 'Gilly Collection'.

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This year's OctoBall was an incredible fundraiser and an unforgettable night of wining, dining and dancing. **Joh White** and **Mark Long** did a terrific job of organising the event, finding amazing auction prizes and sponsors and making sure the night went with a bang. We are hugely grateful to them for all the hard work they put in! Here are just a few pictures of the night itself...



The Ball was also a brilliant success thanks to the fabulous donations made by local sponsors and we're hugely grateful for their generosity!

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