



# Ballifield PTA Newsletter

## October 16

### Welcome.....

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Parent Teachers Association (PTA) newsletter, we hope both you and your children have settled back into the new term well.

We have had some fantastic events during the last school year and we would like to thank all of you for supporting our events and activities. It was great to see so many of you enjoying the fun at the Summer Fayre and we hope you agree that it was an entertaining day for all who came along and we managed to raise £1200.00. We are sorry to say that this year, the PTA will not be holding a Halloween Disco but please support the Holme Lea at Handsworth as they are organising a similar Halloween Party night on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome and this is a free event. So please go along in those brilliant costumes!

Hopefully before half term, you will receive your child's sample Christmas card that they have been busy designing. This year you will be able to order cards, tags, mugs and now coasters!



This makes a great Christmas present for your friends and family! Please don't delay in getting the orders in, as we have only a small amount of time to order them. The deadline is **Tuesday 1st November** so we will then receive them in plenty of time before the Christmas break!

### Bags to School

The next clothing donation day is set for Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> November and the bags will be sent out before half term, so please start saving your unwanted items. Clean out those wardrobes during half term and let's see how much we can raise for our funds.

### "Type Onesie Day" and "Children in Need"

Ballifield PTA will be running a sponsored event to support World Diabetes Day (that takes place in November) and BBC Children In Need.

This will take place in school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November when all children will be able to wear a onesie to school (instead of school uniform). We ask that they give a small donation to help support the Sheffield Children's Hospital for children with Type 1 diabetes and BBC Children In Need. All money will be split between the two causes.

Please note that the children will need to wear something warm underneath their onesie as they will still be going outside for learning and at playtime.

We thank you in advance for your continued support of local charities in our community.

### Christmas Fayre – Sunday 27th November – 11am-1pm

We are holding our Christmas Fayre in and around school on the above date. There will be various stalls, games and craft activities with a festive twist for all the family to enjoy, most activities will be priced at 50p a go.

We would welcome any donations of books, teddies, toys, jigsaws and anything suitable for the tombola stall (toiletries, chocolates etc). Please bring your donations into the school office as soon as possible after the October half term.



There will be the much loved cake stall so if you feel you can contribute to this then please bring in your cakes/buns on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November or on the day; they will be gratefully received.

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn at the end of the Fayre and winning tickets will be advertised. We hope you will manage to sell the books we send home amongst your family and friends and if you feel you are able to sell more books please call in at the school office. We have lots of fantastic prizes such as £100 Meadowhall Voucher, Luxury Hamper just to name a few

We hope this event will be as fun and entertaining for all the family as it has been in previous years. If anyone would like to get involved on the day either helping us set up, looking after a stall or clearing up your help would be gratefully appreciated. Please let the office know your name and contact details so we can get in touch.

We look forward to seeing you and your families at this event.

### Future PTA meetings

Next meeting - **Monday 14th November at 6.00pm** in the dining room where Christmas Fayre activities will be in full swing. We tend to meet most Monday evenings and the meetings are very friendly and informal. We undertake various activities such as making cards, posters, sorting donated items and creating crafts for the children to make and to sell.

If you cannot commit to attending regular meetings this is not a problem we are happy to see you whenever you are free to join in and lend a hand.

Any help is appreciated however big or small as our volunteer numbers are falling we would love to see some new faces and hear your ideas so please come along for a coffee and a chat.

We would really welcome any parents/carers to come along with some fresh ideas and support the continuation and success of the PTA.

### Dates for your diary

Planned events for 2016/2017:

- 1st Nov – Return Christmas Card orders to school
- 4th November – Bags to School Day
- 11th November – Type "Onesie Day"
- 27th November – Christmas Fayre

