



PTA News

2015 November 2

Upcoming events

PTA meeting - November 13, Friday, 6-7pm, Cambio Lounge

A perfect opportunity to have your voice heard, mingle with other parents/carers and enjoy the atmosphere of the pre-Christmas build-up. Top of the agenda are **Christmas Fair planning** and **Project ideas for PTA funding**. Kids are welcome! First drinks on the PTA!

Nonuniform Day & Tombola Donations – November 20, Friday

Time to give those school uniforms a break and prepare for the Christmas Fair!

Could all parents/carers please bring a bottle of alcohol and/or a jar of chocolates or sweets (NO NUTS please!) as donations for the very popular adult and children tombolas at the Christmas Fair. Donations will be collected at the double doors next to the school office between 8.30-9.30am. Many thanks in advance!

Christmas Fair - November 28, Saturday, 12-3pm

Come and enjoy a dash of Christmas spirit with lots of games and even ice skating (TBC) for the kids and relaxation time for the adults: pampering for mums and an ales corner for dads. There will be lots of fun stalls, food and drinks, and, of course, a special visit from Santa and his elves! All are very welcome!

Please spread the word and invite all your friends and relatives to the fair!

However, to make it all happen, we need your help:

- **Raffle prizes:** Can each class please provide 3 raffle prizes for the fair. These could be vouchers from your favourite restaurant or beautician or toys or books, etc. Please coordinate with your class rep or just drop prizes into the office FAO the PTA with information on who we should thank for the donation. Thanks!
- **Beauty pitch:** In the mums' relaxation area, we are hoping to allow mums to take a break and enjoy a massage, reflexology or beauty treatment. We have pitches available at a fixed cost of £20; you keep everything you earn on the day. Please email pta@summercroft.herts.sch.uk to book your pitch.
- **Matched funding:** Does your place of work offer matched funding to double the amount you raise for charity? If so, please get in touch and email us at pta@summercroft.herts.sch.uk. This can make a huge difference to the school!



- **Advertising:** If you or anyone you know would be interested in advertising in the Christmas Fair brochure, we are currently running a better than half price promotion till Nov 15: £10 for a quarter page, £15 for half a page and £20 for a full page! Please email a copy of your advert to pta@summercroft.herts.sch.uk before the offer expires.
- **Volunteers:** We will need a small army of volunteers at the fair, including up to 6 Santa's and lots of elves! Please step forward and put your name down on the volunteers sheet, available in the school reception from Nov 9! Thank you!!
- **Present donations:** For the wrap a present for your mum & dad area, we would be grateful for donations of suitable presents (books, bath products, etc.) and wrapping. Please drop these off any time in the run up to the fair at the school office. Thanks!

School Christmas DISCO - December 3, Thursday, 4.30-7.45pm

Strut your stuff and laugh along with your class mates to music by DJ Spencer! Put on a Santa hat or reindeer antlers, dress in your favourite Christmas outfit or just come as you like. Everyone is invited:

4.30 - 5.15pm Nursery and Reception

5.30 - 6.30pm Y1, Y2 and Y3

6.45 - 7.45pm Y4, Y5 and Y6



The Disco will take place in the Infant Hall this year. Parents are welcome to stay in the dining area and enjoy a glass of wine or beer, while waiting.

Disco tickets are £5 per child, but the fee is optional beyond the 3rd sibling. Tickets include unlimited squash, packet of haribo and a light up toy.

Reports on past events

Quiz night

Our annual PTA quiz night, which was held on Friday, October 16, generated not only laughter, but a cool £580 for the school. This always fun event sold 83 tickets, which included two teams of Summercroft teachers this year!



The quiz consisted of seven rounds: 1) How did they die?, 2) Sports, 3) News of the Week, 4) Film Poster Quotes, 5) Song lyrics,

6) Chocolate anagrams and 7) the Taste Test Challenge! As you would expect, the taste test challenge was enjoyed the most — though not necessarily by those with the blind fold on. ;) Surprisingly, two teams managed to score maximum points guessing which ketchup, brown sauce, baked beans, mayonnaise and pickle was the branded version. The lyrics round gave a chance to shine on stage — and there were plenty of stars — while also scoring some bonus points. The winning team — the Chestnutters — was awarded with a bottle of wine each. The wooden spoon winner was the Desperados team! Well done to both! ;)



The night also featured a raffle with great prizes, including Great Dunmow Comedy Club tickets (donated by Patrick Kane), a reflexology voucher (by Caroline Armon-Jones), a cross fit personal training session (by Liftoff, Twyford Ind. Est.), a Christmas cake (by Jody Gray) and box of Bean Boozles. A spot of heads and tails game further added to the raised funds and landed Chris Byers a £20 prize.

We owe a big thank you to **Michelle Braddy, Clare Dixon, Jody Gray, Julie Thornton** and **Caroline Armon-Jones** for organising the whole event! Thanks to the ladies in the school office for their support. A huge thank you must go to **Mat Braddy** for stepping up for the last three years as quiz master to entertain everyone! Not easy when the wine has been flowing and the microphone stops working.

Note that this was the last year for this group to organise the quiz, so if you and your friends are up for the challenge, please let us know at pta@summercroft.herts.sch.uk!

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