

# BERNARDS HEATH INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Welcome to the first Bernards Heath Infants PTA newsletter of the new school year. We hope that you will enjoy finding out about the exciting things that the PTA are organising around school. Have a good week!

Please make all cheques written for PTA events payable to: 'BERNARDS HEATH INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL PTA'. Thank you.

## Would you like to get involved?

We have begun to plan events for next year and we would love your input. We always welcome new ideas and helpers. We will be holding our annual **AGM** on **WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 8PM AT THE INFANT SCHOOL**. We like to put a provisional calendar together early on in the year, so if you have any feedback on the events that have been held previously or ideas for the year ahead, please let us know. We have always had fantastic support and we would love to encourage even more people to get involved. We will also have some committee roles that will need to be filled, so please let us know if you would be interested.

### Here is quick reminder of why it is such a great idea to get involved:

The PTA helps to improve the experience for every child at school. It pays for sports coaching, music teaching, computers, playground equipment, Christmas parties, Easter parties, toys and resources and so many other lovely things. These are the things that help to make school a much more interesting and fun place for all the children. Budgets are squeezed tighter and tighter every year and it is all the lovely extras that have to be cut when budgets are tightened. This year we are also hoping to be able to help to raise money towards the upgrade of the school's computer server as well, as it is in desperate need of updating.

The PTA is not just about raising money though. It is also about bringing together the school community, having fun and providing the children and families of the school with exciting events and extra happy memories of their time at school. Bernards Heath Infant school parents and families are fantastic at supporting the school and we are so lucky to have such an active PTA.

## Dates to remember:

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	8pm	PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	7:15pm-9:30pm	BODEN SHOPPING AND SOCIAL EVENT
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	10am-2pm	CHRISTMAS FAIR

## Boden Shopping Evening



We will be holding a Boden shopping evening on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September between 7:15pm and 9:30pm**. During the evening, you will have the chance to try on and order a selection of Boden's latest collection at a discount, with an extra free gift for the first 40 people to arrive on the night.

Approximately 60% of the women's collection, 35% of the children's collection and 5% of the men's collection will be on show. We are also hoping to have a couple of other pampering, accessory and food stalls, as well as a bar and raffle at the event.

This will be a ticketed event with tickets being sold at £3 each to raise money for the PTA. You may purchase tickets for friends and family as well as yourself. We will not be issuing physical tickets for this event, but instead we will have a guest list. You can order tickets in the office and you will receive an email to confirm your attendance. The PTA will receive a percentage of the profits from everything sold on the night.

We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help us out in half hour slots on the night, so if you can help, please sign up on PTA Social. See the link below.

Lastly we need to borrow a few more full length mirrors for the event. If you have one that we can borrow, please let us know.

Please get in touch with any ideas or feedback, we would love to hear from you:

**[bernardsheathinfant.pta@hotmail.com](mailto:bernardsheathinfant.pta@hotmail.com)**

If you can volunteer to help out at any of the events arranged by the PTA, please sign up at:

**<https://app.ptasocial.com/register/bernardsheathinfant>**

## The Giving Machine

We would just like to remind you about TheGivingMachine website, or app which you can add to the home screen of your computer. Accessing all of your favourite online shops through TheGivingMachine will generate funds for the school from every purchase made - it really is that simple! TheGivingMachine works with over 1,500 retailers including Mothercare, Amazon, Sainsbury's, Ocado, John Lewis, M&S, Next, Tesco, Argos, Boots, The Entertainer and the Early Learning Centre....the list goes on! Please, please sign up to become a giver, it only takes a minute. So far purchases made through the website have raised £200 for the school. By using sign-up code 57631 supporters will automatically become a Bernards Heath Infant School giver when they register on TheGivingMachine. We have sent home a Giving Machine reminder card in book bags today. It could be put next to a computer or iPad! Please do sign up if you haven't already:

**<http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk>**

Thank you in advance.

## Christmas Fair



Over the next few weeks we will be starting to make plans for this year's Christmas Fair which will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December between 10am and 2pm. This is the biggest event in the infant school PTA's calendar and generates the largest amount of money for the school. It is a wonderful event and is thoroughly enjoyed by the whole school community. It does however take a huge amount of planning, coordination and dedication often by a very small team of people.

This year we would love to put together a team of people to help share ideas and the workload that comes with planning such a large event. It is great fun and hugely rewarding to plan the fair and you wouldn't need to take on a large role. If you would be interested in getting involved, please come along to the AGM meeting next week or email us on the address below.

As we begin to plan, we will also be looking for people who can help us with the following:

- Face painting – especially if you are able to train others in simple and quick designs
- Producing and printing a program that will provide the PTA with revenue from sponsorship
- Home-made crafts – donations from crafters are needed, plus volunteers to put together a beautiful stall

Thank you so much in advance. We hope to make this the best fair ever!

## **PTA Committee:**

Co-chairs: Rachel Fraser and Anne Lupin

Secretary: To be appointed

Treasurers: Nicola Walmsley and Annelaure Curry

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