



# PTA Newsletter

## September 2011

### news and events

#### **PTA AGM - Wednesday 5<sup>TH</sup> October 3.30pm**

This is a chance for you to come and listen to our Chair, Sharon Mitchell, report on the activities and fundraising in the last year. Come and have a quiet cup of tea and a slice of cake with the PTA team, while your children are entertained in the **FANTASTIC FUN CLUB** free of charge or a voluntary donation. We would love to hear your ideas for future events and what YOU think we should be spending our money on.

#### **BEER AND SKITTLES NIGHT**

#### **Clearbrook Village Hall ~ Friday 14<sup>TH</sup> October**

We are planning to have our first PTA social event this term with a Beer and Skittles night at Clearbrook Village Hall on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 for 8.00pm. Tickets will be £3 each ~ bring your own nibbles and booze! Get a group of friends together and sign up for a table on the notice board in the school foyer. The raffle prize is a wheelbarrow of wine ~ imagine being able to stock up with a barrowload of wine just before Christmas!

#### **BONFIRE NIGHT LANTERN PARADE**

#### **At School ~ Friday 4<sup>TH</sup> November ~ 6.15pm**

Come and join us for a fun torch lit procession around the village of Buckland. Bring your torches and warm clothes and your own home-made lantern if you wish. We will follow a trail around the village before returning to the school hall for some firework refreshments! We will have fun things to eat such as warm firecracker juice, sparkling hog roast and hot dogs, firework cup cakes and hot chocolate and marshmallows to enjoy! Traditionally this is a really fun evening and a great chance for the kids to have tea with ALL their friends on the same evening!

Panto tickets ~ *Cinderella* ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> January ~ 2.30pm.

All tickets £10.50 each. Please contact Denise Willson(Olivia and Christian's mum)to reserve your tickets on **01822 859340**.

### **POGO SHOES**

Following the successful Pogo Shoe Showcase held at the end of the summer term, we were pleased to receive over £50 in commission from back to school sales. Jo Dixon from Pogo took appointments from St Andrews' parents at the various 'school shoes without the queues' events at the end of the holidays. She was pleased to receive very positive feedback about the service she is offering to local families and the knock on benefit to the community schools. Pogo has a range of autumn shoes and trainers available and the commission continues to be paid back to St Andrews PTA until Christmas so your shopping will still help the school if you remember to mention St Andrews when booking an appointment! Please contact Pogo on 07823 557 812.

### **Christmas Fair~ Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December ~**

Once again we will be having a visit from Father Christmas as he stops off on his travels to welcome St Andrews' children into the famous Santa's Grotto and of course Santa's little helpers will be flying in too. We hope to have our school choir performing and many Christmas craft stalls with festive refreshments.

### **Big THANK YOU to the RACE FOR LIFE ladies in pink!**

It was a rather wet and wild day but St Andrews' ladies in pink didn't stop and think! They turned up in tutus and wearing everything pink! Well done ladies! The end of term leaver's party Race for Life cake sale made £135 plus a £25 pledge so a very big thank you to all of you who either made a pink cake or helped us eat pink cake.

### **JOB VACANCY - Treasurer**

We have a job vacancy for a treasurer for the PTA. Nick Whitwell has been the treasurer for the past three years and would now like to apply his time to other valuable projects within the school. If you are able to offer some time to this role then please contact the school office or Nick Whitwell on 01822 855686.

## **Thank you**

**The pool maintenance team** - a big thank you to the very dedicated and hard working swimming pool team who have been working away over the summer to maintain the pool and also a big, big thank you to Nichola Williams for managing the team and the pool. We wouldn't be able to use the pool without this team of fantastic people. Thank you! A new pool cover is on its way.

**PTA storage cupboard**— a very big thank you to Crispin Jordan for building some much needed cupboard space for the PTA. We are very grateful for his kind and generous time given to this project and to Caroline for letting him off looking after the kids for the day!

**Grants for schools** – thank you to Jim Lowther who is researching the 'Grants for Schools' websites when he has a spare five minutes!

### **CAN YOU PAINT?**

We need someone who can lend a hand to give the new PTA storage cupboards a lick of paint so if you can help, please contact the school office.

### **CALLING NEW RECEPTION MUMS AND DADS**

A very warm welcome to Emma, one of the new Reception mums. Emma came along to the last PTA meeting and joined in with our banter. We don't bite (as Emma found out!) but we do need more help. We appreciate that everyone's time is precious and we all seem to have less and less time to call our own but the more helping hands we have the more fun it is for everyone and the more we can do to enhance the school. Some of the things current (and previous) members have said about their time on the Committee are '...great way to meet new people... share ideas... keep in touch with what is happening at school... it's fun to be involved with a great team...' Come along to the AGM and find out more!

The next PTA meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in The Drake. We hope to see you there. Any news or information for the next PTA newsletter please send to [zoemoore@mac.com](mailto:zoemoore@mac.com)

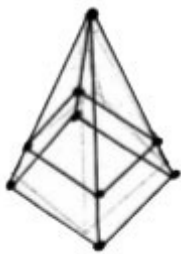
# How to make a lantern

Here are some basic instructions to help with your lantern construction for the lantern parade. It's great fun to do and the lanterns look fabulous!

## Materials required

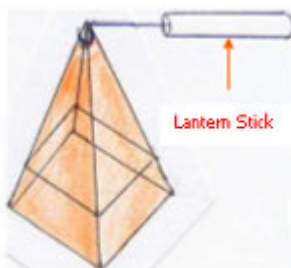
Sticks/twigs - withies (willow twigs) or hazel sticks are ideal  
Masking tape  
Different coloured tissue paper  
PVA glue\* (mixed with water to a ratio 1:1)  
Sponges  
Torch / lantern stick

## Procedure



Using masking tape, make a 3D shape from the sticks, taping together the ends and points where the sticks join. Ensure you use plenty of masking tape to make strong joints. (Do be adventurous with your shape as it doesn't have to be a pyramid).

Lay the tissue over the framework. Saturate the tissue paper with the PVA solution using the sponge. Repeat this process until the entire framework of your 3D lantern has been covered, making sure that each tissue square is overlapping. Try decorating the lantern with tissue paper shapes in a contrasting colour.



Leave to dry. Cut a hole in the top and use wire to attach a long stick/handle. You can either attach a torch to the top of the lantern and let it hang down inside or attach a battery-powered nightlight or torch to the base of the lantern.