



Denbury Primary School

PTA NEWSLETTER

13th November 2009

Bonfire Night

Thank you so much to everyone who braved a wet windy night and joined us to celebrate Bonfire night. Your support raised a fantastic £1250.79 for the school! The PTA worked very, very hard to get this night up and running for you all. With limited funds, questionable weather and being unsure how many of you were going to come along we had to work a fine balance between making sure we had the right amount of fireworks and food. We are never sure how many people are going to turn up as a high number of you do not prepay for your tickets so to judge the amount of money we can afford to spend on fireworks is always difficult. Knowing the support we got again this year means we can judge it better for next year and spend more on the actual show - please do ensure you buy your tickets beforehand if you can though as that's how we raise the money to spend on the fireworks! The more we sell the bigger the show we can afford to buy as we'll be confident of a good turn out. And please never forget the ultimate aim of this event is to raise funds for the school!

Copper Trail

A big thank you to all parents who were nagged for coppers over the last few weeks and a big congratulations to Haytor for winning the trail! A total of £109.62 was raised and great fun was had laying the trail out so thank you to you all!

B&Q 20% Off Vouchers

Steve Fearn has a supply of 20% off vouchers from B&Q and is willing to hand them out to anyone in return for a donation being made to the PTA funds! Don't delay - grab your voucher now for those home makeovers you have planned! See Steve for more details. (For those of you that don't know him he has a child in Birchtor)

Grease Singalong!

Friday 15th January The Union Inn 7pm

Who missed out on the amazing Mamma Mia singalong night or who went and had the time of their life?! We now present "Grease" and tickets go on sale exclusively to you at school for the next couple of weeks after which they will then go on general sale throughout the community. They are just £10 each which includes a meal and great entertainment! Fancy dress of course is encouraged so hurry and grab your tickets as there are a limited number for sale and when they are gone they are gone!

Christmas Fayre Saturday 5th December 10am-12pm

With the Fayre fast approaching we would like to ask that you all help us in any way that you can to make this one of the best yet! It should go without saying but please, please come along and support your child and the school on the day and bring along all your family and friends for what promises to be a wonderful Christmas event. We are organising lots of fantastic things for the children to do and great food and drink for you to relax with - the children are really getting involved in the preparations so please do keep an eye out for information and requests to help them all along.

Mufti days

For those new parents these are days when the children can wear their own clothes into school in return for bringing in an object or coin which we can use at the fayre. We have 3 coming up:

Friday 20th November - Glass bottles (not plastic)

Friday 27th November - £1 donation

Friday 4th December - Homemade cakes

Santa's Grotto Build - Saturday 28th November 1pm

This will be going up in readiness for the arrival of the man himself on Saturday 28th November at 1pm. We would really appreciate any help we can get so if you can spare any time at all to help please do come along...

Draw Tickets - enclosed with this newsletter are 5 books of tickets.

Please could everyone sell their 5 books which are £1 per book and could all money and ticket stubs be returned back to school by Friday 4th December at the latest. If you need any more books just come and collect them from school. We encourage you to sell as many tickets as you can to friends and family but please do not go knocking on peoples doors selling the tickets. You will all know from past years what amazing hampers we have to win so spread the word and get selling!

Help on the Day

We desperately need help on the day and have a rota set up where everyone just needs to give up half an hour of their time on the day to run a stall/activity. The more people offer help the less time everyone has to do and we could feasibly get it down to 10 minutes each! So please come and sign the form up in the office if you can help or let Sarah or Emma know. Thank you - we really value your help.

Secret Santa

We're sure most of you will know how this works but we are going to be running Secret Santa at the Christmas Fayre. This is where the children will have the opportunity to choose, buy and wrap their own presents to Mum, Dad, Grandma, Grandad. Siblings etc. We are asking you to donate any unwanted small gifts you have lurking at home and leave them in the box in the office or hand them to a member of the PTA. The children can then come into the Secret Santa room at the Christmas Fayre and they can choose, buy and wrap what they would like to give you in secret.

The children love it so please dig out those unwanted items. Maybe when you are next out shopping you could pick up a small gift to send in...or maybe you have something at home already...some ideas to help you along; Unused/unopened toiletries, unread books, chocolates, new cds, notebooks, stationery, pens, address books, tools, handkerchiefs, trinkets, jewellery, small new toys...

Need a Stall?

We are looking for people who would like to have stall at the event - if you or anyone you know is interested please contact Emma on 01803 812478/email jimmytamley@tiscali.co.uk. If you know of anyone we can get in touch with to see if they are interested please do let us know as soon as possible. In return for having a stall we will just ask for a nominal donation to the school funds.

Raffle Prizes/Donations

We are looking for really good raffle prizes and things to put in our hampers. Please please could everyone try to find one thing they can donate or organise as a raffle prize. If every family came up with one fantastic prize we would have an amazing amount of things to win! Maybe you know someone who works for a company who would be willing to donate something or maybe you work somewhere that would be willing to help.

The PTA are constantly having to cold call companies to ask for help and it would really help us if you could get your thinking caps on and come up with some great ideas.

Please speak to anyone on the PTA if you think you can help.