

THE



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NEWS



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Chair's words

Times may be tough and everyone feeling squeezed so it's great to see that we are still able to put every effort, both in time and money, into supporting the school and helping our children enjoy the extras that enrich their time there. Feedback from school staff shows that the kids really do know who the PTFA is and how we help. So please keep that in mind when you receive requests for help – it really does make a difference! There is lots going on this term so thanks in advance for your continued commitment.

As my two year term comes to an end in the Autumn, the search is on for a new Chair. Our treasurer, Marie Allen, will also be stepping down then. All you need for both posts is a little time, an interest in school life and a good sense of humour! If you are interested in finding out about either post please get in touch. We'll be happy to have a chat so you can see if it might be up your street.

Here's to a great term, a fab Spring Fete and hopefully some sun!

Zoë Shaw

Mum to Findlay, Class 4 & Struan, Nursery

Ongoing Thanks

To everyone who attends meetings and contributes to decisions and discussions, the fruit and library volunteers, class reps, all school staff and everyone who donates their time and supports events.

A special shout out to those who responded magnificently to the Great Archibald Bake off call for help.

Spring Fete - Saturday 11 May 2013

12 – 2pm

You'll have noticed that the summer fair has been transformed into the all new Spring Fete! It's also moving to a **Saturday lunchtime** slot. Hopefully this will make it easier for families to come along together – many of you have commented that a Friday afternoon makes that trickier. We also hope it will attract the wider community so please encourage friends and neighbours to come along too. There will be stalls galore, including the ever popular bottle hoopla, hook a duck and games of luck, run by our Year 4 pupils. Also try your hand at welly wanging and other traditional style races before tucking into a banger in a bun at the BBQ. There is also rumour of some cute and heroic surprise guests..... Obviously the event needs lots of helpers, both on the day and in preparation. So if you can spare any time, please return the form sent out recently or send a message via the office.

It's one of the biggest fundraisers of the year, with an emphasis on FUN, so hope to see you there! And don't forget to buy and return your raffle tickets!

Fundraising Update

So far this year we have raised over £5000! Our children are certainly feeling the benefit from the range of extras this provides. We also look for other funding opportunities and currently have applications in with Sainsbury's for a grant and with Sainsbury's and LOCO to be considered their charity of the year.

We have also had donations from Sainsbury's and receive help in kind from other businesses.

Don't worry, we're not shy about asking!

YOUR PTFA NEEDS YOU: WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED – THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. COME ON – GET INVOLVED

Laptops Update

Thanks to everyone's fantastic support and efforts, we have already raised enough money to fund the new laptop trolley and **6** laptops! Great news as some of the laptops are in a very bad way. Let's hope we can add to the total by the end of the school year.

Library Help

Volunteers are still needed for around one hour on a Monday or Tuesday morning for library admin and on Wednesday afternoons to help the children choose and check out books. Volunteers help on a rota system so it doesn't have to be a weekly commitment. Please contact Fiona Grogan (mum to Rebecca, Class 10) at jon.grogan@blueyonder.co.uk or through the school office.

ASDA Success!

Thanks to all those who shopped at ASDA's Wansbeck Road branch and popped their green tokens in Archibald's box.

This has raised an additional £25.

Easyfundraising

Please remember easyfundraising.org.uk whenever you shop or order online. It's money for nothing and if you download the free Find & Remind bar, you'll never miss an opportunity. We've raised £226 so far. As we buy new summer wardrobes and holiday gear, it's the ideal time to sign up if you've yet to do so. Log onto easyfundraising.org.uk and register to support Archibald 1st School PTFA

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 11th May	- Spring Fete
Friday 17th May	- Class 1 Cake Sale
Friday 21st June	- Class 2 Cake Sale
Friday 28th June	- School Disco

CLASS REPS

CLASS 1	- Anna West
CLASS 2	- Fleur Dunlop, Jenny Douglas, Anna Steer
CLASS 3	- Kelly Fry
CLASS 4	- Tanya Watkins
CLASS 5	- Vicki Jefferson & Olivia Colbeck
CLASS 6	- Leanne Smith
CLASS 7	- Damaris Hermey Varma
CLASS 8	- Helen Young
CLASS 9	- Emma Critchley
CLASS 10	- Fiona Grogan

Archibald Family Support

It was recently decided at a PTFA meeting that we would give the Archibald Family Support Team £50 per year to help support their fantastic and creative work. This is the same amount as we give each class per year.

HOW TO CONTACT THE PTFA

Directly to Class Reps or any PTFA Committee member

Via School Office

Email:

admin@archibald.newcastle.sch.uk
with "for PTFA" in subject line