

Westbrook Lane PTA Newsletter

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The aim of the Westbrook Lane PTA is to organise social events for families, adults and children throughout the academic year and raise funds which can be spent on providing facilities and equipment which both support and benefit the whole school community. We meet every half term and welcome new parents and ideas.



We are on Facebook. Search for Westbrook PTA and request to join the page.



We have had a successful year and owe many thanks to our parents, children and staff for all your support. We hope we can count on you to join us for the events we are planning for the next academic year

If you would like to know anything else about the PTA please contact us at Westbrookpta@hotmail.co.uk.

Who are we?

Janine Atkins Chairperson
Marie Walsh Vice Chair
Liz Lockwood Secretary
Lisa Flannery Treasurer
Elaine Evans Vice Treasurer



****Charity News****

We had our annual McMillian coffee morning and with thanks to parents attending and baking we managed to raise £195.01 to donate to the charity.



Children in Need was well supported with a bun sale raising £232.03. Well done everybody!

Events held September '13 to Jan '14

September '13

Our annual Sausage Sizzle which welcomed the new class of 2013 to reception was deemed a huge success. It raised an impressive amount of £430. We are already busy planning our welcome to the next reception class and hope the sun shines on us again!

October '13



Sarah Dimery took charge of the popular Christmas Cards fundraiser once again. The idea is that children design a Christmas card and if parents want to buy a set to send to family and friends they get professionally printed. It's a lovely fundraiser and we saw some really good cards so a big well done to the children and we hope they were nice keepsakes for the festive season. This managed to raise £150 for the school so many thanks to all who designed and the parents who bought!

November '13



The Shopping Night took place on the 15th November and although it wasn't as well attended as the previous year we managed to raise £250. This money went to the popular 'Christmas Jumper Day' at school where we were able to give each class a further £50 to add to the money they raised themselves. Each class then voted for the games and outdoor equipment they would like.

December '13

The annual Christmas Fair was held on the 7th December. It was a fantastic success and we were so grateful for your support. A record breaking amount of money was raised £2939 which included £660 of fund-matching from Kelli Fielding (rec mum) who works for Call Credit Group. The feedback from parents and staff was very positive, it helped that the actual Santa was able to take some busy time out of his schedule and attend. He promises to return for our 2014 Fair but beware he will be very popular again so get those tickets in advance! We made £300 from sale of DVDs from the Christmas production. Many thanks to the children and staff who put on another fantastic performance and made the dvd a must have for the festive season. I'm sure your copy is almost worn out!

January '14

The New Year kicked off with what is becoming the must attend event of the year! The Quiz returned with thanks to Helen and Andrew Longfellow who helped organised a fantastic night at the Woodside Pub. Many thanks to all the parents who bought tickets and a special thanks to the teacher team who came along to support us. We managed to raise an impressive £304 as well as have a lovely social night out. Look out for the date next year and be sure to buy your ticket!

Events held February '14 to June '14

February '14

Another coffee morning this time with a valentine's theme! We raised £168.14. Many thanks to those parents who came along and baked for us.



June '14

We held our annual Summer Fair on the 21st June. It was a lovely day and thankfully the sun shone for us. We raised a fantastic £3749. this includes £4£ fundmatching from Tim Robinson (rec dad) who added £857.29 from Barclays and £500 from Alison Bishop (rec/yr5 mum) who works for First Direct. Thank you to the parents and staff who, once again, helped on the day.

Elaine Evans organised an impressive turn-out for the Horsforth Gala and our theme 'Tour de Westbrook' was a resounding success with the kids looking fab in their yellow t-shirts carrying an amazing banner made by the very talented Elaine herself. Thank you to those who braved the weather and turned up.

March '14

The annual Easter egg colouring competition made another appearance and we saw some fantastic efforts, probably our best year yet. All the money raised for this event goes directly into chocolate prizes for every child. Again thank you to the children for producing wonderful eggs for us to see. The judging is getting harder and harder!



May '14

Glow sticks were out in force for the school disco. Again thanks to parents and children it was a well attended event. We managed to raise an impressive £600. A special thanks has to go to the parents who spent their evening in the kitchen and selling all sorts of light up things in order to make sure everyone else had a good time!

A bun sale was held on Friday 16th May where we were able to raise £167.61. Thank you so much for all the baking.

On the 23rd May we held a 'wear your sports kit to school day' and this raised £170.00. You all looked fab!



Future Events

Sausage Sizzle: 20th September

Ice skating: 4th October

Fashion Show: tbc

Check the school website for dates of the events.

Spending September '13 to July '14

The PTA funded the Outdoor Week in March which we hope you all agree was a huge success. The activities held included den building, cooking on campfires, map working and a visit from some birds of prey and much more. We had fantastic feedback from teachers, parents and staff.



£800 was spent on new books at the beginning of the academic year. I've seen them in action and they look great and the children are enjoying them.

Mr Lewcock had the go ahead to buy a new athletics/ cross country kit so our Westbrook athletes will look very smart. New kits for football will be arriving soon as will new gymnastics leotards.

This summer holiday will see the completion of the trim trail in the ks2 playground. The school council has had a big input in the equipment they wanted to see installed and after an initial quote and a rework of the figures the school council was able to bring the work in just slightly over budget. The PTA has handed over the cheque and I'm sure we'll all be excited to see it in September!

A new stage was bought at a cost of £3200. The old stage was difficult to move and so only really came out for the Christmas show. The new stage is much lighter and easier to move and so it is able to be used much more frequently.

Each class now has an iPad and a bank of 4 for the school to use. The PTA hope that in the future each corridor (rec/yr1/yr2 and yr3/yr4/yr5/yr6) will have access to 6 iPads. This will take a lot of fundraising so we are busy coming up with new ideas and we hope you will support us with this.

Every year the PTA fund ongoing annual costs. These include:

- School trips
- Books and bookbags
- Water Coolers
- Christmas gifts and the parties
- Imagieering
- Year 6 leavers gifts