



St. Patrick's PTFA

Raising Funds to Help Raise Standards



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Dear parents and carers,

Consultation on possible events for remainder of 2007/08 school year

A number of ideas have been generated for potential events that could be organised in the run up to summer and we would like to involve you all in helping us decide. We want to ensure that you are involved in planning what the PTFA does so that everyone is included in decision making and we are running the type of events that you and your children want to participate in. Please remember though that we can't run anything without people volunteering, getting involved and making things happen.

We have already *committed* to the following events,

Wine Tasting evening – this will be ticketed and provide some 'education' in wine whilst offering the chance to have fun, socialise in grown up surroundings and raise funds for the school. No date has been confirmed for this yet. We have a lead organiser for this event.

Valentines' Disco – this will be as usual on the last day of term before half term, i.e. 15 Feb, for the children at school. The PTFA main body will lead on this but volunteers to help on the day are sought; can you help?

Summer fete – for all the family this will probably be on a Saturday in July. A massive fund raiser and great couple of hours of fun and games; we will need a small committee to lead the planning and as many volunteers to help run this as we can get! Please come forward if you can help? Serious planning needs to start by Feb/Mar.

Please see the activity planner attached and on the website for easy reference.

We could also probably fit in two other events between Feb and the summer break, the ideas that have been suggested so far are as follows,

- A **bingo evening** – family fun or adult only. Relatively easy to organise, this could have a bar, food and potentially raise a good deal of funds.
- An **auction of promises** – takes a great deal of planning and can involve a bar, this has the potential to raise significant funds.
- A **sponsored event** – walk, family cycle at Castle Combe track, spelling, silence, run....there are loads of ideas and it is something that could see some or all funds donated to a deserving good cause other than the PTFA. It can link with the curriculum, promote healthy living, involve all the family and possibly be followed by a picnic or barbecue and refreshments tent. Best during school hours (if curriculum based), at a weekend or on a sunny evening. Best of all if you are registered with us for Gift Aid we can claim 28p for every £1 back from the tax man.



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- **Safari dinner** – this involves people moving round a number of houses and having starter in one, main course in another and pud in a third (invited of course!) in a pre-determined order. Paying to take part would help raise funds and it sounds like a good way of getting to know people.
 - **Golf competition** – this can run in the background and as long as those involved commit to liaise with their opponents as per a published fixture list it can raise funds and be fun (for those who know their 9 iron from their sand wedge!)
 - **Cream teas** – we could have this at school (or other venue) and advertise around town, we could maybe even get the kids involved in serving. Simply sell home made cream teas to the townsfolk of Corsham and raise money for the school.
 - **Class tea... for the whole school** – Sister Stella who used to teach at the school and is known to those in Years 4, 5 and 6 now works with Cheshire Homes in Zambia. We have been asked to consider running a special class tea to help raise funds for this good cause as Yr 6 were the last that she actually taught and will of course, be moving on in the summer. We have someone who would happily organise this event.
 - **Quiz night** – a good stand-by event. The AGM quiz has gone down well for the last two years and we have had requests to run another. Good fun for grown ups, doesn't bring in much money but we could run a bar and have a raffle or small auction of sorts to boost income?

All of these sound great but as ever we can't organise or run anything without the help and time of you good people. Please, please come forward with offers to help in any way you can. The more people we have involved the less work there is.

Tell us what you think of the suggestions by using the *table provided overleaf* and dropping your form into the school office with my name on it. Alternatively you can reach me by email at vicechair@stpatricksptfa.org.uk or by grabbing me at school.

Responses by Friday 1 Feb would be appreciated.

Thanks for your time and continued support.

Nick Skeet
Vice Chair, PTFA

17 January 2008

Suggested event	Sounds good? (Yes or No)	Priority order (1 being highest)	Offers of help/comments
Bingo evening			
Auction of promises			
Sponsored event			
Safari Dinner			
Golf competition			
Cream teas			
Special class tea			
Quiz night			
<i>Your suggestion?</i>			
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