



Welcome to a new term and the first full year of the relaunched Arnold Mill PTA. Following a very successful first meeting we would like to tell you about some exciting events that we will be holding.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Fashion Show 7pm £5 per ticket (includes 1 raffle ticket)**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Foundation & KS1 Magic Show & Disco**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January – KS2 Disco**

Please put the dates in your diaries and support us if you can.

Details of the Fashion Show are attached. Tickets will be on sale in reception w/c 16<sup>th</sup> October to coincide with the Lost Property viewing (see below) and then every Friday at 8.30 – 9.00 and 3.30 – 4.00.

Further details for the disco will come out early in the New Year.

The school council are looking at items of equipment that they would like for the playground so we will be looking to see if the funds we raise can help them buy the things the children choose.

We are also looking to hold some cinema nights and a table top sale so keep a look out for details in newsletters, on the Facebook page & the website. Last year we provided refreshments for parents at the school sports day and as this went so well we will be making this an annual event that we support. The school will continue to run the Christmas & Summer fairs and we will support them in whatever way they want us to.

At the end of last term we held a very successful unwanted shoe donation day for the Unicef Shoe Share Scheme. We took over 90 pairs of shoes to our local Clarks store which will mean that 90 children will now be in receipt of books & pens. For more information on the scheme you can visit [www.clarks.co.uk/unicef](http://www.clarks.co.uk/unicef). Rather than wait until the end of the school year we are going to incorporate this as part of the new trial for keeping on top of lost property which we know is an issue for nearly every parent in the school.

### **Lost Property**

The school will be providing 3 bins for lost property so that tops, bottoms and other items get separated to make it easier to look for lost items.

Volunteers from the PTA will sort through items 2 weeks prior to each half term and return anything that is labelled. Then each week prior to a half term volunteers will be in reception from 8.30-9.00 & 3.30-4.00 for you to come & see if you can locate any lost items, we will have items in age group order to try and make your task as easy as possible. We will also have pens available for you to label items up.

If you would like to donate any uniform items that you no longer need including any shoes we will have collection boxes available.

Our first trial of this will be from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

If you could volunteer to help with lost property please contact Justine Rees – [jlrees208@gmail.com](mailto:jlrees208@gmail.com)

### **Mugs**

As we will be looking to have tea & coffee available at events we would welcome any donations of mugs or cups that you no longer need. We will have a collection box with the lost property items week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> October.



## Easyfundraising

With Christmas shopping probably starting to be on most people's minds, why not log onto the easyfundraising site when making your online purchases and raise some extra funds for the school. It is so easy to do & once you are signed up you will get regular emails to let you know how much is being raised, you can even see how much you have raised compared to others. The pot currently stands at £406.71, it would be great if we could try and push this up to the £1000 mark. [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

## How can you get involved?

- Come to one of our meetings – Next Meeting is at the Old Spot on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm – Everyone is welcome
- We'd love to hear your ideas - email us [nataliekowalski@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nataliekowalski@yahoo.co.uk) or contact us through the Arnold Mill PTA Facebook page
- Volunteer to help at events
- Support events that are held
- Give us your feedback on what we are doing
- If you work for a company who could support us in anyway let us know

If you would like to volunteer these are some of the things we need help with at the moment:

- Lost property – just half an hour of your time is all we ask once per half term
- Fashion Show – raffle ticket sellers, refreshments stall hosts
- Disco – Facepainters, Glitter Tattooists, refreshments stall hosts and mums who could run Nail Bars
- Donations for raffles

The following parents attended the last meeting so if you would prefer to speak to one of these about anything PTA related they would be more than happy to help.

Natalie Kowalski – class 1a & 2c  
Justine Rees – class 1c  
Nicola Lilley  
Anthony Clarke – class F2b & 2a  
Caroline Greenaway – class 1a  
Charlotte Franklin  
Yulia Penhale  
Ammie Hemingway – class 1c & F2a  
Vicki Moore  
Pippa Betteridge

Lastly, we hope to raise some funds for the school but more importantly have fun along the way and come together as a school community, we hope you can join us.

Thanks from Arnold Mill PTA

