

# **Shirley Junior School PTFA Newsletter**

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# PTFA 2016-17

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#### Scorpions

Martina Olley Clare Mendez Susanne Fangohr Lynx: Michelle Collins Sara Carr Marsiola Dobra Jaguars: VACANT

**Staff Reps** Jo Tearle Clare Mendez Dear Parents and Juniors, we hope this term has gone well and that you are looking forward to the Easter holidays. <u>Thank you</u> to everyone who supported the quiz events and the car boot sale, either by volunteering, selling or buying. We raised over £1000 for the school! Hope you have a lovely break!

#### Dates for your diary

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May – Tidy up day 10 – 12am Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June – Junior forum 6.30pm Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June – Own clothes day Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July – Summer Fair 11 - 1.30pm Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July – Volunteers picnic 4.30pm

#### Tidy up day Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 10-12

Like all of us, the school grounds could do with a little TLC every now and then. If you would like to join us to give it a little spruce up, then please let us know, either by emailing <u>pta@sj.jetrust.org</u>, message us via Facebook or just turn up on the day!

#### Parent forum Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm

If you have any comments or suggestions please email parentforum@sj.jetrust.org.

# Summer fair volunteers

Next term we'll be asking for your help to make the summer fair a success. The more volunteers we have, the more everyone can enjoy the event with their families so please sign up for something. The electronic signup sheet is already live and more slots will be added as we get closer to the date. <u>www.volunteersignup.org/XEBXK</u>. This will be shared on the facebook pages so make sure you've signed up to the groups. If you prefer to stay away from social media but are keen to volunteer, please just let us know directly either via email <u>pta@sj.jetrust.org.uk</u> or by leaving a note in the school office.

# Join the PTFA

The Parents, Teachers and Friends Association is made up of volunteers who give their time to organise fun and social events throughout the school year. These events aim to raise funds to support projects such as the new minibus, or to buy equipment for the school for the benefit of our children. If you are interested in getting more involved, we'd love to hear from you. Please email on pta@sj.jetrust.org.uk or message us via the Facebook pages.

#### Fundraising

This year we have a huge target to raise money for a school minibus and some new playground equipment. If you have any experience in gaining corporate sponsorship or indeed with buying/renting minibuses, please let us know by emailing <u>pta@sj.jetrust.org.uk</u> or on facebook.

#### Easyfundraising.org.uk

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Shirley Junior School PTFA? There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! Join for free a:

#### https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes /sjsptfa/

Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and your children will directly benefit from your donations Thank you in advance for your support.

# Match funding

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. If you think this is something your company offers, please ask them and let us know:

<u>pta@sj.jetrust.org</u>. The quicker we hit our fundraising target, the sooner your children will benefit!

# **Facebook Groups**

Don't forget that you can keep in touch with other parents by signing up to the Facebook groups:

- Year 3 @ SJS 2016/7
- o Year 4 @ SJS 2016/7
- o Year 5 @ SJS 2016/7
- Year 6 @ SJS 2016/7
- Shirley Junior School Parent Group
- o SIS and SJS Preloved

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