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Dear Parents,

When your child starts at Sandfield Primary School, you automatically become a member of the Parent Teacher Association of Sandfield (PTA). We are a parent-run charity who fundraises for the school. Each year we hold lots of successful and fun events which in the past have included:

Quiz Night for adults	Summer and Easter Discos for the children	May Fair
Christmas Fair	Wine tasting for adults	Curry Night for adults
Race Night for adults	Summer Disco	

Other events organised or supported by Sandfield PTA include: Harvest Festival, School Christmas Dinner and Sports Day.

These events and activities raise thousands of pounds each year which goes towards making the school environment even better for our children. Over the last few years we have raised over £10,000-£11,000 each year which is fantastic for such a small school. These funds have paid for renovation of the outdoor classroom and building the auditorium and sunshade, re-furbished a whole new library, an enormous contribution to the expensive sports cage and contributed towards the new outdoor low level play equipment.

Every penny we raise really does go towards making our children's time at Sandfield more enjoyable and we ask all of the parents to contribute in all sorts of ways.

### How can you help?

There are two types of volunteers on the Sandfield PTA:

**a) the regular committee** who generate the ideas and plan the fundraising activities and  
**b) a big group of irregular members** who do all sorts of ad hoc volunteering e.g. manning stalls at fairs, cash-and-carry shopping, organising personalised Christmas cards, making posters for events, distributing lollies at sports day, visiting local shops to ask for contributions for auctions, manning the BBQ at May Fair, ice-cream and raffle ticket sales, snack distribution at discos, buying crackers for the School's Christmas dinner, preparing the school for summer/winter fairs, making cakes for monthly snack sales, cooking savoury dishes for the international food stall at the fairs, counting the cash after each event etc.

Both types of volunteers are incredibly valuable to Sandfield's wonderful community feel.

### Contribute – now?

- Buy your children's name tags through [www.stamptastic.co.uk](http://www.stamptastic.co.uk) with the unique code (SANDFIELD) (up to 25% contribution to the school)
- Save lots of jam jars which you can then fill with little sweets/games/stamps to make the famous 'jolly jars' - one of our highest earners at both of our fairs and many parents fill 20 jars but we still sell out
- Do you work for a company which matches charitable contributions? If so, let us know as there are ways for us to maximise benefits of such business networks.
- Save old clothing and shoes for our twice yearly collection – an easy way to increase funds and

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de-clutter at the same time

- Save unwanted gifts for the auctions at both fairs (high quality toys, books, beauty products)
- Collect unwanted wine and chocolates for the adults tombola at the Christmas fair which is hugely popular
- Do you work for a company who could donate anything of value for our auctions? Let us know.
- Buy your cards, wrapping paper and gift accessories from [www.northbrookfundraising.co.uk](http://www.northbrookfundraising.co.uk) ( 22% goes directly to Sandfield PTA) if you choose "Sandfield Primary School" from the drop down box when asked which school you would like to donate to.

### **Contribute – in September?**

- Join our Sandfield PTA Lottery – a Sandfield winner every week and entry to the National PTA which pays out up to £25,000 per week.
- Read the monthly newsletter and pop event dates in your diary, book a babysitter and come along. Make note of dates for the diary to bring in contributions or lock in time to help us set-up or prepare for the events.
- Come to the brief AGM (babies and siblings very welcome) to get an idea of the plans for the year.
- Drop into any PTA meeting

We also meet every month alternating between daytime and evening meetings so that working parents can still be involved. Meeting dates and times are advertised in the school newsletter and on notices around the school so keep a look out. Whether you would like to be on the committee or just get involved, it's a great way to get to meet other parents, to get to know what is happening in the school and help shape the year's fundraising events so don't be shy and we look forward to seeing you in September!

### **Descriptions of Events Run by the PTA:**

Harvest Festival – collection and distribution of dry and fresh goods to those in need (see website for a wonderful thank you letter)

Christmas Dinner – whole school celebrates Christmas with a turkey dinner complete with crackers

Sports Day – with cake and coffee stalls and ice-lollies for the children

Christmas Cards – your child's artwork will be turned into Christmas cards for you to buy

May/Summer Fair – complete with all the old favourites bouncy castle, splat the rat, hook a duck, Jolly Jars, dad's-in-goal challenge, adult and children's tombola, photo booths, auctioning of donations, bbq

Christmas Fair – as above within international food stalls, craft stalls and of course Jolly Jars.

Quiz Night – Teams of 8 compete over drinks/picnic dinner/nibbles for the Sandfield Quiz night trophy.

We hold an AGM in September where we share ideas for the year and vote in a new committee. It would be fantastic to have some Reception parents on next year's committee

We look forward to seeing you in September.

### **New PTA Committee to be voted in Autumn 2019**

Contact us at any time on: [sandfieldschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:sandfieldschoolpta@gmail.com)