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The Newsletter of St Thomas Garnet's PTA



25th Anniversary Year

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PTA Chairman's Report



Another end of a school year and this year was a very special one for St. Thomas Garnet's as the School celebrated 25 years. The PTA held a Silver Jubilee Ball at the Hotel Miramar which was a most enjoyable evening. The hotel provided a special meal and we were then able to dance the night away or have a flutter on the casino. A very big thank you to all who helped and supported this evening.

A couple of weeks ago we held our Summer Fete. This year we had a lot of support from many of our parents. It was good to see so many happy faces working together.

On St. Thomas Garnet's Day we distributed ice-creams to all the children. Also this year, to celebrate 25 years, each child was given a special Jubilee badge.

The infants and juniors enjoyed the discos organised at the end of June.

To all of you, I extend my thanks for supporting the school events and to our PTA I send my appreciation for all the time and effort you give to organise and help throughout the year.

We have now completed the work in the "quiet area" and installed equipment in the playground. Extra benches will also shortly be in place for our children to use.

In the new school year we will embark on another exciting venture to benefit our children and the School. Our next event will be the Quiz Night on Friday 11th November and there will be another Ball next year.

Keep on supporting and helping our PTA and School. Have a restful summer.

Aidan Foy - Chairman

FORTHCOMING PTA EVENTS

12 October	AGM - All Welcome
11 November	Quiz Night
5 May 2006	Spring Ball - Miramar Hotel

PTA Committee 2004-05

Chairman Aidan Foy
Treasurer Kris Padwick
Secretary Suzy Wood Power (Acting)
 Sandra Cook
 Millie Dominey-Foy
 Julie Doyle
 Sandy Marsden
 Julie McCall
 Lucy McMahon
 Yvonne Sabih
 Christine Shelton

Teacher Representatives:

Mr P Gillings Mrs P Read-Wilson Mrs T Wragg



Note from Acting PTA Secretary

A huge "Thank You" to you all!!

The PTA has raised over £2000 this year to benefit our children. PTA members volunteer their time and effort to run the various events and we all owe them our thanks.

It has been great to see some new faces and I must pass on a special thank you to those parents who, although not on the PTA Committee, have offered their time and expertise - it really does make a difference.

Have a happy, healthy, sunny summer.

Suzy Wood Power
Acting PTA Secretary

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Headmaster's Report

The end of our 25th year has arrived. We have some memorable reminders of the occasion situated around the School, personal badges for the children (we do have some spares in the office) and a book signed by most parents and friends. An awareness of the changes that have taken place during that period and a realisation that we have come of age are here to stay and will continue to provide the care and attention for your children that has become our hallmark over the years.



Mr Gillings

Twenty-five years does not represent an end, simply a stepping stone on our journey as a school. One of the interesting developments that has marked this year has been the offer of professional help from some of our parents in looking to the future. In the Gazette you will see we have received sponsorship for our football team, another sponsor is providing Tag Rugby equipment and two donations have helped with the ICT work and the SEN equipment. We will also shortly be forming a group looking to raise funds/sponsorship for an extension of the school - building a dedicated ICT room.

Two Trustees are leaving us this year, Ray Hogwood and Brendon O'Hare, both of whom joined the Board 25 years ago. We thank them for their loyal and devoted service to the School and wish them well in their retirement. We have some new Trustees joining the Board in September: Fr. R. Hishon, Parish Priest at St. Thomas More Church, and Martin Smith, former parent of the School and creator of the Gazette in its current format. Welcome to you both.

The next few years should prove to be exciting, challenging and rewarding for us all but never forgetting that the children are the reason for all we do here.

A final thought - many of the changes that have come about in the last 10 years have evolved from talking to parents. We do listen - if you have an idea -if you want to know why we do it that way - talk to me.

Paul Gillings

Diary Dates - School Year 2005/06

September	8th	Return to School	
October	7th	Jeans for Genes Day	
	12th	PTA AGM	
	14th	Harvest Festival Mass - School Hall - 9.00 a.m.	
	24th	Half-Term Week	
November	1st	All Saints - Mass in School Hall - 9.00 a.m.	
	7th	Book Fair Week	
	10th	Transition & Junior 3 Visit to Streetwise	
	11th	Quiz Night	
	18th	Mufti	
	25th	Mufti	
	26th	Autumn Fayre	
December	6th	Infant Nativity - 9.30 a.m.	
	7th	Carol Concert - 7.00 p.m.	
	8th	Infant Christmas Party	
	9th	Junior Christmas Party	
	13th	Mass & Carols - School Hall - 9.00 a.m.	School Closes 2.45 p.m.



All dates correct at time of publication.

