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Chat from the Chair

I would like to start my final letter of this academic year, by thanking everybody for their support over the last few terms. The PTA wouldn't work if we didn't have the support of the teachers and parents behind every event. This year we have had several cake sales, a quiz night, summer fair and of course didn't we have a ball! (read the article on the next page if you weren't there!). We have also provided refreshments at STG events, enjoyed Christmas Parties and Discos with the children and run a couple of raffles too!

Next term will see a sub-committee for the new adventure playground put in place and events to look out for will include a Christmas Shopping Evening at school and a School Disco for parents and teachers, which Mr Kenward has already promised to attend.....!

If you have any ideas for fundraising or social events, please do come along to the next meeting on 10th September at 1.30pm in the Staff Room. If you can't make that date, the PTA AGM will be held on 13th October at 7.30pm, when we will be looking for a new Secretary since Gaby Allen has resigned after 3 years – that's a lot of minute taking, so thank you Gaby.

Lastly, good luck to all of J4 at their new schools and goodbye to Sandy Marsden, you will be greatly missed and we'd all be grateful if you could write a PTA manual by September!

Have a fabulous summer break: let's hope we get the promised heat wave!

See you all on 3rd September,

Kelly Ramdharry
PTA Chairperson

Dates for your diary

Term Dates 2009

3rd September	<i>Term begins</i>
26th to 30th October	<i>Half Term</i>
11th December	<i>Term ends at 2.30pm</i>

PTA Meeting Dates

10th September	<i>PTA meeting at 1.30pm (Staff Room)</i>
13th October	<i>PTA AGM at 7.30pm (Hall)</i>

Summer Ball

The date was Friday 15th May, the time 7.30pm, the place, the Heathlands Hotel in Bournemouth.

The men were dressed in black tie and the ladies dressed to impress! It began at the bar, we then took our seats and enjoyed a buffet style meal.

Once we had devoured our desserts, quaffing wine throughout naturally, it began to get messy. Each table had been supplied with various weapons: pea shooters, sausage balloons, party poppers etc. The warfare was mainly restricted to neighbouring tables, but there were reports that some people managed to strike further afield!

Then it was time to bring on the band. The fabulous Lemon Grove; a four piece band who entertained us with everything from light jazz to the blues and tunes to put you in the dancing mood!

By the end of the evening everyone was dancing. It should be noted that this year Mr Richard Slee had some competition in the solo dance section from Mr Dhan Ramdharry-can't wait to see what happens next year gents!

A marvellous evening was had by all, with good food, great music, a fabulous raffle, and most importantly the best company!

Thank you to all those who came along, and if you didn't make it this year then make a date in your diary next time the STG Ball comes around!

Amanda MacDonald-Taylor
Vice Chairperson.





Summer Fair



This year's Summer Fair went ahead on the 19th June 2009 on a gorgeous sunny day! There was plenty to see and do and there were happy faces everywhere you looked-some of them sporting very colourful designs from the face painting stall! Penalty Shoot Out, Duck Fishing, Lucky Dip, cake decorating to name a few!

Food from the BBQ, ice creams, coffee and cakes were all on offer too and the children took full advantage of the Tuck Shop on the field!

The Bottle and Gift Tombola proved popular again-and yes you do have to be over 18 for the Bottle Tombola.....even if it is for your mum!!



Thanks must go to Kelly and Amanda and all the PTA committee for their hard work in organising this event, and also to all the parents for contributing items on the two Mufti Days for us to sell. Thank you to Yvonne and Leith Sabih for running the plant stall and providing wonderful coffee again! Thanks also to Mr Hogg for hanging out the banner for us, helping out on the day and remaining cheerful in spite of constant requests for things! Finally, a big thank you to all the volunteers who organised and manned the stalls and to all the Staff who gave their support to the event after a full day of teaching! Team work is always key to these events and the PTA really does appreciate all the support given.

It just remains to say that the grand sum of £1,031 was raised by the Summer Fair this year which is fabulous!!



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