



St Patrick's School Parents and Friends Association Information Leaflet



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What is the PFA?

The PFA stands for the Parents and Friends Association and was formed in order to raise money which is used to fund projects for the school and to further enhance your children's experiences and education whilst at St Patrick's School. It is a non-profit making organisation and ALL the proceeds which we make are put back into the school to fund projects or requests which are sent in.

Projects the PFA have funded

The PFA give money to our school each year to part fund the Class 6 Leavers Hoodies, making these more affordable for every child; we also buy each child in Class 6 a Leavers Autograph Book; these 2 items will continue to be funded each year.



In the past, the PFA have funded some *REAL* easter chicks. We had the chicks in school for 2 weeks during which time every class had the opportunity to meet and play with them!

The PFA fund many projects throughout the year, which has included buying a set of 6 Beebots (programmable robots) which every class will have access to and they also form part of the National Curriculum.



Last academic year, we were also able to subsidise each class with their school trips and the PFA donated £10 per child per class towards these trips which was a total of £1,890!

What do the PFA do?

We hold several events every year. These include our Film Nights, which are becoming increasingly popular with the children and at £4 per child is excellent value for money!

We also organise the very popular Christmas Disco;



and the Family Fun Night which is held in July. In



addition, we organise the sale of Easter Chicks every year, which are much loved by everyone.

As well as holding one PFA meeting per term, we also hold several Craft Club sessions, which are held on various Thursdays at 7pm at school; at these meetings, we make things to sell at the Christmas Disco and Family Fun Night and put the Easter Chicks together. You do not have to be crafty or good at sewing to be part of this group...!

How do I become involved with the PFA?

Come along to one of our meetings or craft club sessions. These are usually held at school in the evenings and everybody is welcome. If you are nervous about joining, please talk to one of the PFA members. Everybody is welcome and all ideas and suggestions are considered. It really is the more, the merrier!

You can also help out in several different ways: you could send cakes in which are sold at both the Christmas Disco and the Family Fun Night; you can buy a ticket for your child to attend a Film Night; you could attend a Craft Club session; you could help out on a stall at one of our events for 15 - 20 minutes; you can send in donations for the Christmas Hamper; you can send in prizes for the Family Fun Night tombola; or you could knit some Easter Chicks!

What parents say who are already involved with the PFA:

"It's great to be involved in raising money for items the school would otherwise not be able to have. It's also a good way to get to know other parents."

"Being part of PFA means that I am contributing to the school my child attends."

"I always enjoy having tea and biscuits, a chat and a laugh, as well as learning how to make new things which the PFA can sell to raise money for our school".

What some of the children we have interviewed think of the PFA and the events which they run:

About Film Nights:

"I enjoy getting together with friends." "It's awesome - and cheaper than the cinema!" "It's really cool watching a film and sitting with all your friends." "I love having a hot dog and seeing a film with my friends".

About the Christmas Disco:

"We have great fun singing and dancing". "If we didn't have a Christmas disco, we would be really sad as it is SO much fun". "Our parents can have fun too!" "I love the atmosphere, being noisy at school, the disco and the bubble and foam machines".

About the Family Fun Night:

"It's great fun to have a laugh with the teachers after a whole year of really hard work"..... "We love the Soak the Teacher and Soak the Leavers, spending time with our family at school, as well as all the different stalls and activities."

"I love the food, especially the burgers!!"