

PATCH

newsletter

November 2017



Welcome to the November newsletter. We had some really positive feedback about the reorganised ticket sales for last month's film night and discos. Keeping up the trend for doing things differently, this year's Christmas Fair also takes on a new shape that will be great fun!

PATCH awards

To round off the summer term and celebrate her retirement, Carol Browne held a special tea party. PATCH volunteers were among the honoured guests, which included governors, local police and pupils past and present.

Lotus de Cort presented Carol Browne and Sheila Cunnold with 'outstanding achievement' awards on behalf of PATCH.



Interviews

PATCH were invited to the head teacher interviews in September, where Lisa Chapman and Celia Dayton joined Jayla Fisk and Ian Waldram to quiz the candidates on PTA matters in their schools.

We look forward to working with Mrs Rebecca Dulieu, who will bring a lot of experience from supporting her current school community.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for your support and for donating some fantastic cakes. Every slice raised **£203**.



events

Meet and Make

Community Evenings

7.30-8.30pm at the Manor House

Thursday, 9 November

Thursday, 30 November

Thursday, 11 January 2018

Coffee Mornings

8.45-10am in the studio

Friday, 10 November

Friday, 1 December

Friday, 12 January 2018

Bags2school pick up

Friday, 10 November

Christmas Fair

Saturday, 2 December

3-6pm

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Committee update

Joining the committee:

Acting Vice-chair: Lisa Chapman;

Acting Secretary:

Jaime McCutcheon.

Committee positions yet to fill:

Treasurer;

Events Co-ordinator.

Leaving the committee are Claire Curtis and Lucie Gamble. Please join us in thanking them for their enthusiasm and commitment.

Do let us know if you can help:

leave us your details at the school office;

email us:

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Many of you have said that you cannot get to our coffee mornings so why not come along to our *Meet and Make* community evenings at the Manor House?

Our first meeting in October saw a great response and we had loads of fun making decorations for Film Night and the discos: bats, pumpkins, ghosts, spiders, the odd scary house and err...crabs and lobsters?!

Spooktacular events!

Friday the 13th came to October but thankfully the gremlins stayed away for Film Night and the discos, which had a Halloween theme.

The Student Council chose *Monster House* from a shortlist of suitable scary films for the juniors to enjoy.

We tried something new for the discos by using the studio as somewhere for parents and younger children to hang out, play games and enjoy refreshments.

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered but we especially thank the school office for their tremendous help with collecting the ticket forms.

The two events made **over £500!**



We're mugs for coffee

Do you have the odd mug or two that you could donate to PATCH? The disposable cups that we use at our coffee mornings are very wasteful so we are looking for dishwasher-safe, clean and undamaged mugs, something that you would be happy to drink out of yourself.

Feel free to bring them along to a coffee morning, *Meet and Make* evening or place them in the collection box in reception.

Hello!

When I heard that PATCH needed a newsletter editor I thought that this would be a great chance to volunteer the skills I have after many years of working in print and design.

I am married to Hayley, who is one of the parent-governors at the school, and we have a son in Year 2.

When I'm not playing my trombone with various bands and orchestras, I love baking cakes and making the odd gallon or five of country wines. Happy days!

Ian Waldram

PATCH Newsletter Editor



Calling all book lovers!

By Rachel Furze

St Mary's is in desperate need of a librarian. We need someone willing to keep the library tidy and well organised. This would not be a huge commitment or need to be especially regular. We are able to send a volunteer on training to give some ideas and skills to be able to do this. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more information.

This year's Christmas Fair is something to look forward to as we make more use of the school and outside space. We would love to receive your donations for prizes, decorations and serving food. For more details see the flyers and PATCH noticeboard next to reception. Volunteers will be most welcome throughout the day and you will also find sign-up sheets on the noticeboard.

**SATURDAY
2 DECEMBER
3 - 6PM**