

# CALOW CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

### NEWSLETTER – September 2016

#### What is the PTFA?

A charity made up of parents, staff and friends from Calow Primary School who get together to support the School. We arrange fun events for the children and their families e.g. discos, fairs, bingo nights as well as other community events, etc. The money raised is used to benefit the pupils within the school.

**We always welcome new volunteers!!** Even if you can't attend meetings or every event, any support you can provide from PAT testing equipment, being a DJ at a disco - to simply wrapping lucky dip prizes or washing tombola sheets, all help is appreciated. We also have some informal meetings at different venues, as well as social events for PTFA parent / carer helpers too! Please feel free to approach us within the school playground or via the school office and join in with the PTFA. ☺

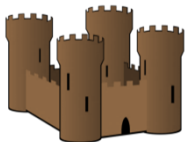


Some parent PTFA members

(L-R) Allie Harding – committee member, Nicki Fullwood – secretary, Sam Sherlock – chair, Jenny Nightingale Newton – vice treasurer)

#### PTFA Update

Last year the PTFA raised **£4987.50** via fundraising events. **Thank you** to everyone who contributed. Whilst some funds will remain in the PTFA account to finance upcoming PTFA events, £4300 has already been given to school which will be spent as follows:



**£3000** will help purchase a fort to be installed in the children's playground. This has been chosen by pupils as the play equipment they most wish to have (alongside the existing pirate ship) and is due to be installed within the very near future!

The remaining £1300 will help subsidise the cost of 2 exciting shows due to take place in the spring term that many pupils will be involved in (look out for future school emails and newsletters for further information). Additional money is also being raised to purchase 6 new netbooks and 4 l pads for pupils to use within school.

#### Dates for your diary:

**BINGO NIGHT**      **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016. (School Hall)**

**Doors open at 6.00pm, 'eyes down' at 6.30pm.**

Back by popular demand is Bingo Night, a fun evening for both adults and children. Raffle prizes and refreshments will be available on the night and we really look forward to seeing you there.



**Non Uniform Day**      **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Children will be invited to attend school in their own clothes on this day. In return, they are asked to donate an item to the school Christmas fair that can perhaps be used on the tombola stall, raffle, etc. More details to follow.

**Christmas Fair**      **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (10am – 12noon) (School)**

More details to follow in the near future, but one thing for sure, Santa will be visiting!



**Christmas Disco**      **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (School Hall)**

Infants (key stage 1) disco      4.30pm – 5.45pm      with parents / carers in attendance.

Juniors (key stage 2) disco      6.00pm – 7.30pm      parents / carers do not attend.

More details to follow in the near future; look out for upcoming emails, newsletters and playground notices.

**We look forward to seeing you at the above events.**