



Dormansland PTA Newsletter

Summer Term

We hope you all had a great Easter break!

Since our Spring Term Newsletter in January, the PTA team have been organising fundraising events and looking at the best way to use the money we have all raised.

A REMINDER OF WHAT THE PTA DO!

The PTA supports the school financially by paying for the extras to support and enhance the teaching, such as paying towards resources, school trips, the school library, equipment, school garden and providing playground equipment.

WHAT HAVE THE PTA BEEN UP TO LATELY?

The PTA team have organised the Frosty Fridays, February's Movie Night, the Ladies Pamper Evening at the school in March and the Easter Walk. We also held the annual PTA Easter Egg Hunt at the school, after the Church Easter Service, giving each child a chocolate egg (or two)! **Thank you for all of your support at these events.**

We have been busy making arrangements for the May Fair since January and our final plans are coming together.... A Royal May Fair takes place on Saturday 12th May from 12.30 – 3pm and is our second biggest event of the year.

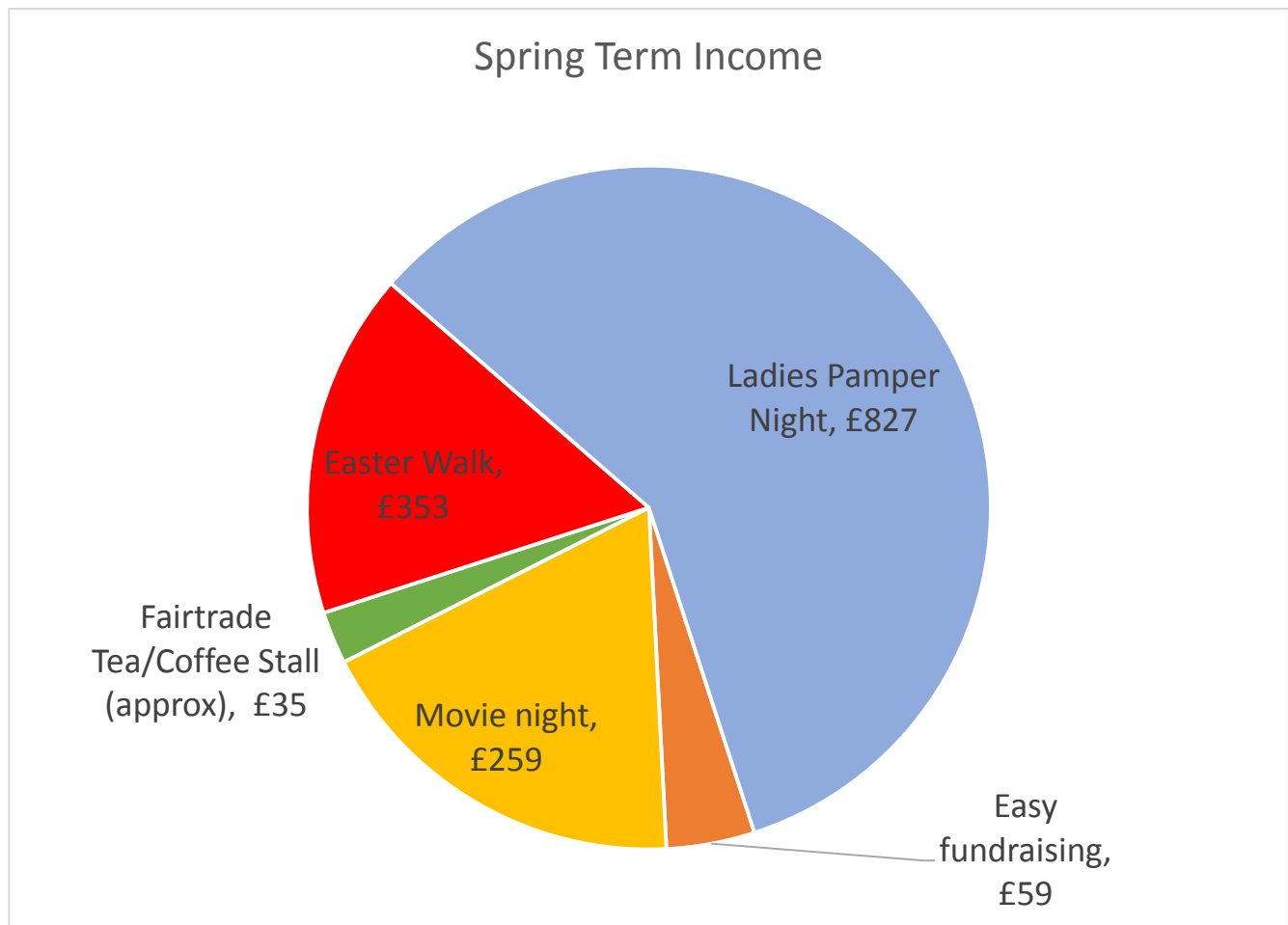
With the Royal Wedding a week later, we are having a Royal and Best of British theme with May Pole dancing, performances by the school choir, competitions (including Dormansland Has Talent), plenty of new stalls/games, Splatt the Teachers, refreshments and a 'Royal' visit. We are aiming for a relaxed afternoon with activities for all ages (and all budgets) to keep the kids busy and let the grown-ups have a good catch up over a few drinks.

We have timed the fair around lunch time and there will be plenty of food and drink options available for grown ups and children including kids lunchboxes. You will be able to pre-order before the day (which also gives us an idea of numbers for preparing the food) so your hungry ones won't have to queue for long.

We would love to see you all there! Please bring sunshine.

SO, WHAT HAS BEEN RAISED AND WHAT HAS BEEN SPENT?

INCOME: In the Spring Term, we raised around £1,411 net with your help:



We have also been told by The Co-Operative that the first of three instalments for being a Local Cause will be £312. We hope to better this for the next instalment!

Combined with the income from the Winter Term of approximately £2,888, we have all raised approximately £4,299 (plus £312 for the Co-Op yet to be received) so far this school year from PTA events.

OUTGOINGS:

From September 2017 to April 2018, the PTA has approved the following spending:

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| 1. School Trip Subsidy - Funded £10 per child towards class trips. We do this each year, as long as we have the funds. | £2,080 |
| 2. Class Allowance – each class teacher is offered £200 per year to use for 'extras' to aid learning – 7 classes. Annual, | £1,400 |

provided we have the funds.

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| 3. Cameras for classrooms x 8 - Cost approx. £670, part funded by a grant the PTA applied for of £300. Now purchased and being used in school. | £363 |
| 4. PTA Christmas treat - Treasure Island theatre production by The Flying Pizza Company. Took place in January and enjoyed by all! | £270 |
| 5. Science week and musical appreciation week (£500 each). | £1,000 |

TOTAL: £5,113

We also have annual expenses which will be due soon for commitments such as the PTA contribution to the computer systems of around £600 per year.

The PTA funds we raise also allow us to hold all PTA events as we need rolling funds to cover up front expenses.

The PTA also apply for grants each year for the benefit of the school children. Since our last newsletter we have applied for a further grant from the Parish Council and have signed up to apply for the Tandridge Health Lottery.

WHAT NEXT?

We are looking into the best options for supporting the school and putting to good use the money raised by us all. The school is currently getting an expert opinion and quote to see if the trim trail can be fixed and to replace the boat. The Juniors have asked for a new covered seating area in the playground although initial quotes are very high so we are considering other options and viability with the school.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We currently need volunteers from each year group (especially Year 6) to help set up for the May Fair on the morning of 12th May and also to man stalls at the fair. We try to have two people man each stall and for one extra person (at least) to be able to relieve them for half an hour in the middle so they can have a break and also enjoy the fair themselves! At the moment we don't have enough helpers to man the stalls and some volunteers will be running two stalls between two of them! Any help would be appreciated. Please let your class reps know if you can help out, even just for half an hour.

Please support us by nominating Dormansland PTA as your chosen cause and shopping at The Co-Op.

Please support us by using Easy Fundraising when you make any online purchases (www.easyfundraising.org.uk). You can also find money off deals on Easyfundraising!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Bags to School – by 27th April 2018:**

Please help raise money for the school by having a good sort out of your wardrobes! Donate bags of good quality clothing (adults and children), paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys. Bags 2 School will come to the school to weigh these donations on 27th April and the PTA will receive 40p for every kg! Free bags have been sent home in book bags but if you lose it you can use any bags and bring as many as you like!

- **A Royal May Fair, Saturday 12th May 12.30 – 3pm.** See above!

- **Pimms in the Playground: Family disco, Saturday 9th June 5 – 8pm:** Fun family disco for all the family with plenty to keep everyone happy!

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