

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our Halloween disco. Andrew, from Party Mania was brilliant at keeping the children spookily entertained and having a ball. There were also some very impressive costumes, dance moves and more importantly lots of happy faces and children having fun!!

Our raffle winners are Wendy McBride and Bart Mestre

The Halloween Disco raised an amazing £600!!

We are really grateful for the support we receive for these events and thanks must go to all the parents involved in the organising and running of the disco. We also appreciate Mrs Hutchinson and the teaching staff staying for the disco, the continual support we receive from Mrs Connor with admin and Mr Corbey (Site Manager) for both preparing and cleaning the school building before and afterwards.

After a discussion at our last PTFA meeting, it was agreed that we would fund some events throughout the school year which will enhance the curriculum and enrich learning for all the children in school. We hope the first of these will be a visit from a children's author/poet or possibly a theatre group.

Our next event is a Christmas one which will be held on Sunday 2nd December from 1.30pm, followed by the Harden Village Lights switch on at 5pm.

Preparations are already well underway!! We have plans for a 'Find Santa's Missing Elves' around the village; followed by refreshments, crafts and games in the school hall. We would really like to share the workload of this event, as 'many hands, make light work' and therefore we would like to invite everyone to a meeting on **Tuesday 6th November 3pm - 4pm** at school.

We appreciate not everyone can make meetings and that's not a problem, there are still lots of things you can do to help. We will be around in the playground and posting on our Facebook page, so please let us know if you could help with any of the following.....

- Designing posters/tickets/trail sheets/stickers/certificates

- Making games and preparing crafts for the children to complete at the event
- Making our 'missing elves' to hide on the walk
- Making a selfie frame for a photo style booth
- Sorting out table decorations for the cafe
- Selling tickets, before and after school in the playground in the weeks leading up to the event
- Coordinating a small Christmas hamper raffle

There is lots to do but the jobs vary in size and require a range of different skills, so there should be something for everyone!!

Let's pull together to ensure the success of our next event. With current budget cuts, schools rely heavily on the funds we raise. A PTFA is something all schools must work hard to hang onto, as parents and carers we need to work together to ensure Harden Primary has the funds it needs to continue to enrich and enhance our children's education.

Best wishes

Harden Primary PTFA