

Spring News from Abbotsholme Parents Association APA

Hi Everyone,

By virtue of having a child at Abbotsholme School, every parent is a member of the APA. We have a committee, consisting of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, supported by nine other members. All our details can be found on the Abbotsholme Website, <http://www.abbotsholme.co.uk/Abbotsholme-Parents-Association> and all our contact details are there. We would be delighted to hear from you at any time.

We organise social activities and fundraising events throughout the year. We've just celebrated Burns Night and we are looking forward to the **Summer Ball** on **Saturday 2nd July**.

The money raised is then spent to benefit the children throughout the school. To make sure the money goes where it is needed we ask for bids, these may be from the Staff or the pupils. We especially like to support those from the pupils and these can be for anything from snooker cues for the Sixth Form Common room to support for taking part in a Round Square Project. Every bid has to be signed off by the Head, which means we know it is something that the school supports.

Just to let you know in more details the funds we have raised this year to date (from 1st April 2010) from the following activities:

- School of Rock- £383
- Uniform and sweet sales- £263
- Summer Ball- £3734
- Summer Gathering Bars- £272
- Pig Race- £962
- Bonfire Night- £440
- Burns Night- £1619



And the funds raised from this year, previous events and subscriptions, has been spent on the following bids:

- 'The Pavillion' - £7000
- New tents - £2000
- Electric car - £1140 (buying helmets with intercoms and parts for cars)
- Dining tables for catering -£1715
- Projector for juniors - £450
- Sports Development Fund - £1000
- Junior play equipment - £182
- Easter eggs - £174
- Junior parties Christmas and summer - £391.
- Donation to kidney research in support of OA Ben Spink Lands End to John O'Groats tractor drive - £100
- Donation to Marie Curie Cancer Care in support of a parent Lorraine Clixby trekking across Jordan on a horse!

If your child has any ideas for bids please encourage them to submit them to us. A bid form is available from Reception.

We greatly appreciate the support you give to us at these events and look forward to it continuing into 2011.

Kind regards Steph Walker, APA Chair



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Junior Department with their new projector

Request for Second Hand Uniform

Throughout the year the APA have a stock of second hand uniform available for parents from skirts, shirts, trousers, jumpers and some sports kit.

To run this successfully we obviously need "new" stock - so when your child grows out of their uniform, sports kits, riding gear and OED stuff please remember the APA.

Please bring your "stuff" to reception and leave it for the APA and then we will recycle within school.

We aim to run a "stall" in the car park on a Friday evening in the Summer term again - weather permitting, but remember we have the stock available 12 months a year so just let us know what you are looking for and we will see what we can do...

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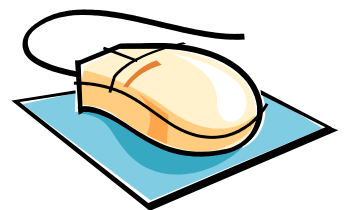
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Thank you

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported any of our events and helped us raise funds and have fun over the last 12 months .

We look forward to welcoming you and your friends and family to the Summer Ball.

APA Summer Ball



Saturday 2 July 2011 for ticket information please call:
Sarah Green 07968 471373
or **Beth Chiles** 07980853432