

The Oldfield School Association (OSA)

Run by parents, for your children for fun and fund-raising.

The purpose of **The OSA** is two-fold:

- 1. To organise events that bring our school community together and that children, parents and staff alike enjoy.*
- 2. To raise money for the school, improving the children and their teachers' experience with items that the school budget won't pay for.*

OSA FUN AND FUND RAISING EVENTS

The OSA oversees many school events that are run by parents and friends.

The events are aimed to be for fun and fund-raising. Some events are primarily for fun and some are a mix with a target of achieving some serious fund-raising.

The main fund-raising events are the **Summer Fair**, the **Summer Ball**, the **Christmas Fair** and the **Quiz Night**. These are enjoyed by children and /or parents and need the support of parents, relations and friends of the school to make them fun, and profitable.

Some mainly fun events are, the **Christmas Shopping Morning** – run for both fun and education, to give the children the chance to buy presents for parents, relatives and friends. This event is very popular with the children; it is not run primarily for profit but usually generates a good income. The **Mothers Day Flower** event is similar and the **Easter Bonnets** is almost exclusively for fun for our children.

Other good events are the **Children's Disco** and **Cake Sales** – both very popular with the children for different reasons.

PURCHASES FOR THE SCHOOL

In the last school year The OSA has donated to or paid for many items of school equipment. These include, the **Learning Resources Centre (library)**, the **Snugplay** playground equipment in KS1, the **Picnic Benches** you will see scattered around the decking, and two of the **NetBall Posts** and nets. We plan to buy a **Story Telling Chair** which will be sited with tree stump "seats" in the "thistle patch" that will be cleared and grassed with OSA funds. We also pay the school **TV Licence**, provide some **classroom funds** every year, will contribute to the **playground markings** and to the **Yr6 Prom** and cover the cost of **Santas Visit** to the EYFS.

In this school year we have spent or committed to spend in nearly £30,000 on equipment for the benefit of the school and, therefore, our children.

We, of course, also have a wish list for other items.

HELP

The events managed by The OSA are run by volunteer parents, relatives and friends. Every event has a team who make it work and call on help from other volunteers when needed. The events will only be run if we have the support of parents.

So what can you do as new parents. You can help in many ways, for example,

- 1 Volunteer to run or help run an event
- 2 Volunteer to help set up and /or clear up an event
- 3 Suggest an additional event
- 4 Persuade your employer to donate to an event using matched funding or donate a prize
- 5 Tell the OSA if you can offer expertise or obtain discounts on things on our wish list.
- 6 Sign up to Easy Fundraising for the benefit of Oldfield, check out the web-site <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oldfieldprimary/>
- 7 Make a donation.
- 8 Just turn up at the events we run and get involved.
- 9 Suggest items the school might need.

Help can be financial, or just as important is your time and support at events.

MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information about the OSA please speak one of the following:

Chair: Mr Allan Donaldson

Co Vice-Chairs: Gayna Hall and Emma Fairley

Please remember the events are designed to be fun as well as fund raising and they will not run unless we have parents, relatives and friends who volunteer some of their time.

Please think about where you can help and let us know by filling in the form below and return it to the OSA box in the entrance to the school.

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To The OSA

Your name:

Child's name: School year.....

Email address:

Telephone number:

I can volunteer to help at an event:

I would be prepared to run an event with proper guidance:

I would be prepared to be part of a team running an event:

I can spare time to help set up events and/or clear up afterwards:

My employer might be prepared to donate a prize at an event:

I will sign up for Easyfundraising (see above):

I would like to join the committee:

I am not sure how I can help and would like to talk to someone:

Find us on "Oldfield School Parents"

on Facebook and contact us on oldfield.osa@gmail.com

and if you are looking for school uniform, check out our secondhand uniform sales site on OSA page of the school website