



# PTFA Newsletter



## Dates for;



### November

**24th Donations of chocolate or for the tombola**

**27th PTFA meeting 2pm**

### December

**1st Donation of cake or £1**

**2nd Christmas Fair**

**7th Wrapping gifts for Christmas Gift Shop**

**8th Christmas Gift Shop for children**

**12th Nearly new school uniform sale.**

## Note from the Chair

I am excited to be taking over as Chair of the PTFA. We had a hugely successful summer fair last term thanks to everyone's hard work and enthusiasm, and I'm looking forward to building on that over the coming year and continuing the hard work from previous years led by Alison. However, this can only happen with your support, whether that's by sharing fundraising ideas, helping out at an event or even just spreading the word and coming along to share the fun!

For me the PTFA is about improving the community of the school, whether that's by raising money for the bigger items that the school budget doesn't quite stretch to, or in organising social events for parents and families to enjoy at a reasonable cost. We are currently very busy getting things ready for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December, and we hope to see as many of you as possible; bring your friends and family too! We're also preparing our Christmas Gift Shop which is a great opportunity for your children to buy you a surprise present.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all of our new families, both in Reception but also throughout the school, and I look forward to seeing you all at our various events throughout the year. I would also welcome any ideas and input that you may have; just get in touch via the contact information below, or you can often find me on the junior playground (near the library) when I pick my son up so feel free to come and say "Hi!".

Regards,

*Lisa*

## Wanted

Donations of unwanted, clean and good quality uniform items. These can be dropped off at any time in the box provided, which will be by the school office/reception by next week. They will then be sold at one of our nearly new uniform sales run throughout the year, the first of which will be Tuesday 12th December after school, under the covered walkway. Come and grab a bargain!



The Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) is a charity which supports the school. We raise money to help buy resources or help fund school activities.

Last year the PTFA raised £3928.02 through the disco, Secrets Room, chocolate bingo, collections and the very successful Summer Fair.

The PTFA bought the tables for the new library which cost £1499.

Every year the PTFA gives each year group £100 which helps fund class trips. A coach costs about £400 to send a whole year group on a trip.

Money has been set aside to help pay for new outside areas which are fun for play times but can also be used for outside learning. The school has been given funds to buy 20 new Chromebooks, the PTFA will be purchasing 12 more so that every child in a classroom can use one. The PTFA will also be buying two new interactive whiteboards.

### **Christmas Fair**

- Tombola
- Chocolate Heaven
- Slime Factory
- Gift stalls
- Craft activities
- Refreshments
- And lots more.....



**Can you volunteer to help set up/run stalls or help clear up. Set up is from 9am and clear up from 2pm.**

The Christmas Gift Shop (formally the Secrets Room) is an opportunity for the children to choose gifts for up to two adults. The children pay £2 per gift which is wrapped and sent home.

We need volunteers who will help wrap some of the gifts on the 7th December at 7pm. We also need volunteers to help the children with their decisions on the 8th December, especially in the morning when it is our busiest time,. An hour would help tremendously.



**Christmas hat competition**  
**Design and make a Christmas hat. Bring it to the Christmas Fair to enter it into the competition.**



### **BEING INVOLVED WITH OR HELPING THE PTFA**

Everybody at the school is part of the PTFA, it's just up to you how you would like to be more involved.

Do you have a fab event idea?? Fancy helping out from time to time?? Would you like to be on the committee?? Please contact us via the school office or send an email to [westboroughptfa@gmail.com](mailto:westboroughptfa@gmail.com).

You can join the Facebook West Borough PTFA Group to keep updated with events and news.