

Spring Term
March 2018



COMMITTEE

Chair:

Rebecca Lewsey

Vice Chair:

Cheryl Guppy

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Newsletter:

Helen Jones

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Since our last edition we've had some changes to the committee, with several members having to step down. We wish them all the best, and thank them for their hard work.

Despite this, our school fundraising efforts have gone from strength to strength in the past months, with an astonishing £2071 raised in the past twelve weeks alone, thanks to events such as the Christmas Fayre, the Christmas and Valentine's Disco and the Movie nights. In fact, we've raised just under £5800 since we March 2017!

This money has been put to good use – the PFTA subsidised the trip to Clacton-on-Sea, the Lee Valley trip for KS1, the 'bring the beach to you' event for EYFS and the Christmas pantomime. We're also hoping to contribute to an upgrade to the current IT infrastructure - pretty good going for our first twelve months!

The Reddings needs you!

The PFTA does a lot of good work raising funds for the school, and we couldn't do it without your support.

However, recent changes to the committee have left us short of members and volunteers to run our fundraising events.

Can you help?

Whether you'd like to volunteer for events, join the committee or even just help out once in a while, we'd love to hear from you



Speak to us, or drop a note in the PFTA box

Fundraising and You



The PFTA was set up with one main purpose: to raise funds for The Reddings school. As you know, government funding to schools has been cut dramatically over the past few years. This leaves staff and parents to come up with creative initiatives in order to bridge the financial gap and ensure that our children still enjoy exciting and interesting trips, events and experiences, such as the Christmas pantomime and our popular movie nights, where the films are chosen by the children.

Upcoming PFTA Events

Next PFTA Meeting – March 20

Non-uniform day – March 23

Easter Egg Tombola – March 29

Movie Night – May 21

PFTA AGM – June

Movie Night – July 9

Going forward, we'd like to run more fundraising events. While we know it's not possible to give all the time, we appreciate any and all help given, whether it is time, goods or donations – your generosity will help us all.



PFTA Meetings and AGM

Our next PFTA meeting will be held on March 20th at Frankie & Benny's, Jarman Park. Come along at 7pm to find out more about what we do.

Our annual AGM will be held in June (date to be confirmed). At that time, all committee positions, including Chair and Vice-Chair, will be up for re-election. If you would like to volunteer for the committee, please come along.

Uniform Sale

We will be holding a uniform sale as soon as we have enough stock. A reminder to all parents, especially those of Year six children that you can give any unwanted uniform to our committee members at the end of the school term.

Deadlines

When it comes to buying tickets for any of our fundraising events, please take note of the set deadline. These are in place to allow time to organise sufficient staff levels and supplies for the event, based upon the number of children attending. Therefore, if you do miss the deadline to purchase tickets, unfortunately there is no leeway. We appreciate your understanding in this matter, and will continue to ensure that children and parents receive plenty of notice when tickets are on sale.

Easy Fundraising App

*Shop online till you drop via
easyfundraising.org.uk*

*Raise funds for the school at
no extra cost to yourself – it's
the easy way to help out!*

Speak to us

The PFTA are parents, just like you. We're around on the playground before and after school so, if you'd like to volunteer, have an idea, or simply want to chat, please say hello – we'd love to talk to you.

However, please do bear in mind that we are volunteers, giving up our time to put on events for the children. While we welcome constructive feedback, we ask that, rather than complaining about small things, you consider instead what you might be able to do to help. Thank you.

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