

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME ALL TO THE SPRING TERM AND TO OUR NEW NEWSLETTER FROM THE PTA TEAM

In this term's newsletter we'll be covering off some of the great activities we have planned, plus a **handy list of dates** on the next page too.

I'm sure you'll agree that we've had such a busy winter term and it's time to get ready for spring. [Book a place at our first big event](#) – a quiz night on 2nd February hosted at the Junior school – so get your teams sorted by 31st January; it'll be here before you know it!

Is there something you'd like to see on our PTA to-do list? **We'd love your feedback** on the things you'd like us to arrange – so [please fill in our survey](#) and post back to us in the school bag – or if you prefer, why not drop us an email? Our address is below.

Thanks again, and looking forward to seeing you at the quiz night,

David Eaton

On behalf of the PTA committee

THANK YOU FOR FUNDRAISING

PTA funds have made it possible for the Infants to have a new sound system for their hall, plus there are plans to buy a number of teaching aids for the early learning years. Your fundraising efforts have meant that both the Juniors and Infants have each benefitted from new electronic whiteboards for their classrooms. The Juniors also plan to buy some exterior floodlighting for the all-weather pitch too so our after school clubs can make more use of this facility.



A WINDFALL FROM THE AUTUMN TERM: RAISING £12,650!

The PTA were in overdrive with some brilliant events being organised for our enjoyment, the benefit of our children, and the school. The term started with a very busy Autumn Fair where the sun shone and new parents and children to the school had the opportunity to mingle and experience the wonderful community that we have here. Skip forward 11 weeks and the term ended with a snow day, and our thanks for the help from volunteers braving the snow and rain whilst manning the AECOM carpark in town.



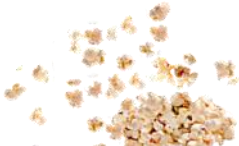

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Key PTA dates this term

DATE	ACTIVITY
31st January Deadline to enter PTA Quiz Night	Hand in your team's slip & payment to reception to book your place.
2nd February PTA Quiz Night @Junior school 7.30pm	A great fun night for parents and friends. Not to be missed!
2nd February Please complete PTA survey by today	We'd love to hear your feedback on our events. Click here to take part.
9th February Non-school uniform @both schools During school day	Suggested £1 donation much appreciated. No theme!
9th March Mother's Day Gifts @both schools During school day	A chance for the children to buy a small gift for their mummies. More info soon.
9th March Juniors' Disco @Junior school 6.30-8.30pm	Got anything you can donate to their raffle? Hand in to either reception. We'll email you with more soon.
23rd March Popcorn Night for Reception to Year 2 @Infant school 3.10pm	More details soon! 
29th March Afternoon tea @Infant school	Children and parents invited. Includes crafts & Easter egg hunt. 
23rd April Non-school uniform @both schools During school day	Suggested £1 donation much appreciated. St. George's Day theme – red & white's a good start.



WHAT STARTS WITH A 'Q' AND ENDS IN A 'T'?

YES, you're right! It's [QUIZ NIGHT!](#)
We promise the actual questions will be of a better quality and you can find out for yourself by coming along to our hugely popular quiz night taking place on 2nd February, at 7.30pm at the Juniors.
[To book your place simply return the slip \(sent out via ParentMail on 17th January\).](#)
Not up for the quiz but would like to help? We need volunteers to help at the bar and an assistant for the Quiz Master, so email us at the PTA if you can please.

GOT ANY UNWANTED GIFTS? SEND THEM OUR WAY...

On 9th March, the Juniors are having their disco and we need some help stocking our raffle with lots of lovely prizes suitable for 7-11 yr olds. Please hand your gifts in to reception, we'll use them as prizes. The more donations we receive, the less gifts we have to buy.



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SURVEY FOR THE PTA

*****Please post this form back via the school bag by Friday 2nd February*****

Help us to make our events and activities the very best for you, your children, and our school by filling in our quick survey below or online via this link

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BZHSPH3>

1. Which class/es is your child/children in? (Please circle):

Nursery / Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 / Year 3 / Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6

2. Do you feel that the PTA keep you well informed of upcoming events? YES / NO / Don't know

3. Do you feel well informed of where the PTA funds are spent? YES / NO / Don't know

4. Which of these PTA activities / events do you and your children enjoy or value the most?

Please mark your top three:

EVENT	PARENT	CHILD	EVENT	PARENT	CHILD
Auction			Mother's Day Gift		
Ball			Nearly-New Uniform Sale		
Christmas Cards			Pantomime		
Coin Challenge			Popcorn Night		
Junior Disco			Quiz Night		
Easter Egg Hunt			Sponsored Bounce		
Father's Day Gift			Autumn Fair		
Summer Fair			Wacky Hair Day		
Hanging Baskets			Wreath Making		
Junior Cake Sale					

5. Are there any events you'd prefer us not to run? Please give reasons as to why.

6. Are there any events you'd like to see based on yours or your children's interests?

7. Any Other Comments?

Would you like to be part of the PTA committee or maybe like to lend us a hand every so often?

If you help already or would like to help in the future, please help us to update our list of volunteers by completing the below or drop us an email. For the big or for the small, we're grateful to have you on board.

Name:

Email:

Child's Name & Class: