



# PTA NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the PTA Newsletter for the Spring term.

## AGM Update and the future of the PTA

The AGM was held in November 2016 and with no nominations for Chair or Treasurer, Mrs Parkin (Violet class; Blue class) and Hayley Hills (Violet class) agreed to stand as Co-Chair this year until a new Chair can be found; Claire McDonald (Orange class) was elected Secretary; Lizzie Chamberlain (Red class) and Mr. Rall were elected as Trustees. Mrs Parkin and Hayley will not be standing for election at the next AGM (November 2017), so in anticipation, we are looking for future candidates who can spend some time before then shadowing the role and finding out what it takes to be Chair. Please let us know if you are interested, or come along to any of the PTA meetings.

Laura Williams was co-opted onto the Committee as Treasurer at January's meeting. However, Laura will not be able to continue in the role until the next AGM and so for the PTA to continue, **we urgently need a new treasurer as soon as possible!** Laura is very happy to show you the ropes before she hands over entirely. This is not a large commitment of time but does involve producing an updated report prior to each PTA meeting. If you are interested, please speak to Laura directly, or one of the committee.

## PTA Meeting Dates for 2017

All to take place on Tuesday evenings, 7.30-8.30 pm with a prompt start. All welcome.

7 March, 9 May, 6 June, 11 July, 12 September, 10 October and 14 November – AGM – new committee members elected.

## We Need You!

### Class Representatives

We would like to introduce class contacts so the PTA has a 'face' in each class. This could be as simple as you reminding fellow parents of each PTA meeting, or rallying up helpers for events and securing raffle prizes – down to you. You don't need to attend the PTA meetings if you don't wish to. **Please let us know if you'd like to be this important point of contact.**

Please remember that you are all automatically members of the PTA, so if you would like a say in how the money you raise is spent, have any ideas on how we can raise further funds or can help in any way, either drop us a line or come along to one of the meetings. You can be involved as much as you wish or just come along and see what goes on – everyone is welcome.

## Recent Events

### Christmas Disco

A big thank you to the organisers and helpers at the recent Christmas disco and to everyone who came along and supported us. The event raised over £800.

### Christmas Cards

A number of pupils ordered Christmas cards that they had designed at home. Thank you to the organisers and to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

# Future Events – Dates for Your Diary

## **Mother's Day Gift Shop – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

This will take place in School on the mornings of **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**. If you **can offer an hour of your time** to help wrap some presents one evening (in the comfort of your own home), or help at one of the sale mornings then please contact Mrs Parkin (Violet class).

## **Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March – 2pm**

We will be holding the ever popular annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. Tickets will be on sale in due course, **but if you can help with the refreshment stall** on the day, please let Mrs Parkin know.

## **Circus – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Yes, you read it correctly, we are hosting a Circus this year at school! Rather than a traditional summer fete, we shall be hosting Happy Circus on the school field. A sub-committee is being formed, so if you would like to be involved in the organising of this fabulous event, please contact us via the contact details below. **Help will be needed on the day** with refreshment stalls, car park marshalling etc, and we'll also be looking for donations of raffle prizes for the summer raffle draw. More details to follow.

## **Other Events**

Without more volunteers to help organise and run events, then we are limited in what we can host. Do you have a passion for horse racing? Then run a race night for us. Love to bag a bargain at a boot sale? Then be our Boot Sale lead. There are plenty of ways we can use your help – just let us know what you enjoy and how often you can commit and we can find you a role.

# Fundraising Contributions

As well as contributing to school trips, class Christmas Presents and the Christmas parties, the PTA have just placed an order for a set of Imagination Playground building blocks. Take a look at this exciting new playground equipment:

<http://www.imaginationplayground.com/product/index.html>

This year the PTA hope to replace the class cameras with more reliable ones so that work, school trips and activities can be photographically documented. We are also looking to provide the children with more playground equipment e.g. table tennis tables, a climbing frame.

In order to provide these additional extras, the PTA need as much help as possible. If you can help, then please contact us.

# Contacting the PTA

You can speak directly to one of the Trustees or e-mail us at [pta@highwych.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@highwych.herts.sch.uk).

**Many Thanks**

**Mrs Parkin and Hayley Hills (Co-Chairs)**