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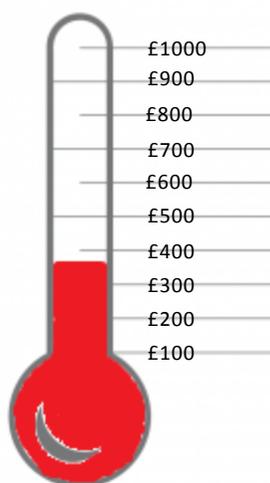
The PTA is a charity run by parents as well as members of staff. Our aim is to organise and run fundraising and social events throughout the year in order to raise money which then goes directly back to the two schools. Without your help and support we would not be able to continue to do this. Whether you can spare a few hours to set up an event, help out during an event or be part of the clean-up crew, please get involved. Our next meeting is on 9th June at 7.45pm and will take place in The Barn. Everyone is welcome.

Charlotte Blackie & Rebecca Pascoe-Youell - Co-Chairs - (E: chairfobfs@yahoo.com)



Fundraising

The money raised by our fundraising events is invaluable to the two schools. Over the years the PTA has helped purchase stage lighting, outdoor play equipment and signage around the playgrounds which all our children have benefitted from. This year the Juniors are hoping to purchase new books for the revamped library area and the Infants are looking to have a reading gazebo. The money we have raised so far this year is marked in red on our fundraising thermometer!



Easter Craft Morning

Our Easter Craft Morning was a roaring success. The children made lots of Easter Craft gifts as well as cards and gifts for Mother's Day. Thank you to our lovely crafting ladies for their hard work in putting the crafts together and to everyone who helped on the day. These mornings are very hectic but so rewarding as the children enjoy them so much. This year we raised a fantastic £346.76!

Dates for your diary

Thursday 22 May – deadline for logo competition

Monday 9 June – PTA Meeting 7.45pm The Barn

Saturday 14 June – Infants Disco (see overleaf)

Date TBC – Juniors Disco

Friday 3 October – Bag2School Recycling

Saturday 15 November – Winter Bazaar

Saturday 6 December – Christmas Craft morning

Things to watch out for

Adventure Land (Southend) Wristbands

PTA Shopper (re-usable shopping bag) incorporating our new logo

Christmas Cards

Summer Fete 2015!

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Other ways to help

Coats, jumpers, cardigans, shoes, you name it the children have already lost it. NameTagIt has a variety of personalised name tags for you to choose from to help you ensure that your children's clothes are clearly labelled. They also provide labels for lunchboxes, water bottles and shoes.

The website is easy to use and orders are generally dispatched to you within 24 hours with easy direction for application. Barnes Farm Schools will benefit from a 20% contribution of any purchase you make when you quote our unique code: D211 when ordering online.



Job Vacancy

We would like to say a huge thank you and a sad farewell to Sue Hill, our treasurer, who is stepping down from her post in July. Sue has provided us with her invaluable accountancy expertise and will be missed.

We therefore have an opening for a new Treasurer. If you or you know of anyone who has a few hours to spare on a voluntary basis and would be interested in taking over the post and you would like some further information regarding the role, we would be pleased to hear from you. (chairfobfs@yahoo.com)

Infants Disco – Saturday 14 June

The PTA are hoping to host two discos for the Infant school (don't worry juniors; we plan to host one for you too later in the year). The first will be for the reception year and will be from 4pm to 5.30pm and the second is for years 1 and 2 and will take place at 6.30pm until 8.00pm. More information regarding tickets etc will be available nearer the time.

For this event to take place, however, we will need some willing volunteers who can help us run the event – we need parent helpers who can supervise the disco, help run a tuck shop and refreshments. If you are available to help at either or both events, please contact the Co-Chairs on the email address overleaf.

Bag2School Recycling

The PTA are trialing a new recycling venture. Bag2School are a company that collects old clothing, shoes, handbags, jewelry, soft toys etc and unlike some recycling companies Bag2School passes these used items on to countries within Eastern Europe to be sold on to those less fortunate. Items that are not saleable are recycled. For every tonne in weight of recycling we can collect the school will get £500. Watch out for further details about this scheme which will be launched in October. Start saving your old clothes now and help raise funds for the schools. Don't forget paired shoes can be added - every bit of weight helps us get more in return.

PTA Logo Competition

Entries for our logo competition are still open so get out your colours and design us a new logo. The deadline for entries is 22nd May and the winner will see their logo on all PTA related items including the PTA shopper bag as well as receiving a great prize!

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