



PTA News

Spring Term January 2010

Wickham Court School

Welcome

Welcome to the new PTA newsletter. The PTA has been very busy over the last 12 months and we want to keep you up to date with what has been happening and how much money has been raised and spent.

We would like to begin this newsletter by welcoming all the new students and parents who have joined Wickham Court this academic year. If you are interested in joining the PTA or simply have some good ideas for fundraising, please do get in touch.

Haiti Appeal

The School and the PTA want to add their support to the fundraising efforts for the victims of the dreadful earthquake in Haiti. We are therefore having a multi-day on Friday 29th January. For a donation of at least £1, the children can wear their own clothes for the day.

Christmas fair update

The Christmas Fair was this PTA's most successful yet. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported us. We had over 200 adults, plus their children, visit us on the day, and there were queues to prove it!

The Teddy Tombola was popular again and raised over £200. The Bottle Tombola raised just under £150 and the Jam Jar Hoopla was a great success, raising £115. None of this would have been possible without all of your generous donations.

Also, the raffle raised £400 and our first programme took £120 worth of advertising – a big well done to Paul and Debbie Court for producing it.

In all, the Christmas Fair made over £2,000 profit, which is brilliant! A huge thank you to everyone involved before, during and after the fair.

Christmas decorations and Secrets Room donations

We are already collecting items for next year's secrets room. So if you have any old decorations that you were going to get rid of or if you received any Christmas gifts that weren't quite 'you', the PTA can find them a good home!

Please place any donations in the box under the table in the entrance hall.

Scholastic Book Fair

The recent Book Fairs have raised £700 in commission, which will be divided between the senior and junior libraries. The next Book Fair is at the end of April – see overleaf for details.

School Uniform Shop

The PTA Uniform Shop is bursting at the seams with uniform, dance shoes, bags etc. It is open between 8:30 and 9:15 on Tuesday mornings (at other times by arrangement with Cynthia Arce-Pintarelli).

If you have any uniform in good condition that you would like to sell please contact Cynthia (Senior Rep). The PTA takes 50% commission on sales and has a list of prices if you are not sure what to charge.

As the children have to dress up for various school events, we also accept appropriate fancy dress costumes, for example World Book Day characters and Victorians, so again if you have any costumes that you no longer require please let Cynthia know.

Mobile phones

Please continue to bring in your unwanted mobile phones – the recycling box is just inside the main entrance. We also collect toner and printer cartridges throughout the year for recycling. These can be left in the PTA boxes under the table in the main entrance.

Recent purchases

Our 'outdoor classroom' – a lovely wooden gazebo with roof and seating – has now been ordered and will be delivered and installed shortly. We hope it will be a lovely addition to the grounds and a useful resource for the school and look forward to our children enjoying lessons outside – once the weather improves, of course!

We have also just bought a 42" TV to be used as a wall-mounted monitor in the Science Lab, to enable staff to use computer programmes and internet sites in Science lessons.

Forthcoming events

Thursday 11th February – VALENTINES CAKE SALE.

This is a very popular event with the children!

Please send in donations of cakes and biscuits either on Wednesday 10th or the morning of Thursday 11th February. The sale will be held during morning break, lunch time and after school, so we need plenty of donations to keep the table topped up with a tempting display.

Please label any containers/plates clearly with your name. These will be left in Austin Hall for you to collect.

Saturday 13th February – WINE TASTING EVENING

After their success last year, All About Wine will be returning to quiz and entice us with their great selection of wines. Tickets will be on sale shortly, at £12 per person, which includes a ploughman's platter for each table. £2 from each ticket will be donated to the Haiti appeal.

Monday 15th March – BAGS2SCHOOL

We will be collecting unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, bed linen and curtains again, so hold on to your cast-offs until then!

Friday 30th April to Wednesday 5th May – SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Saturday 15th May – 80s NIGHT!

Dig out your 'Frankie says' t-shirt and your old Ray-Ban Wayfarers and come and relive those golden days of pop! More details coming soon . . .

Sunday 27th June – DOG SHOW

If your dog has the waggiest tail or does the best 'roll-over', bring them to the first Wickham Court Dog Show! With all sorts of crazy categories, there will be something for every dog and lots for their families and friends too! With refreshments, BBQ and stalls.

Reps meetings

On alternate Wednesday mornings, the year reps meet with Mrs Hunter and a member of the teaching staff.

This is an opportunity to discuss ideas/concerns etc, raised by parents and/or children outside the remit of PTA meetings.

Please speak to your year rep if you have anything you would like raised. Our next reps meeting is on Wednesday 27th January.

Wanted!

We are looking for a rep for Year 10/11. Please talk to Camilla Johnson or Cynthia Arce-Pintarelli if you would like to find out more.

PTA COMMITTEE

If you have any questions about how the PTA works or your role as part of it, please do not hesitate to contact your class representative or any member of the committee.

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How the PTA is structured

Wickham Court Parent Teacher Association is a Friends Association. This approach allows the PTA to call upon the wider community for assistance. A copy of the constitution is available from the office.

The PTA aims to advance the education of pupils by:

- Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school.
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment, which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

Website

Please check www.wickhamcourt.org.uk for the latest news.