



Christchurch Infant School ~ PTFA



Fund raising to keep our children smiling

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WELCOME FROM THE PTFA

Hello to everyone and welcome to the new school year. We hope you all had a great summer holiday, and a big WELCOME to our new Foundation families.

The PTFA is a great way to get involved with your child's school and help make a difference to their education by raising money to pay for additional resources for the school.

The PTFA comprises of parents, carers, grandparents, teachers and friends all working together. In short everyone is welcome and as much or as little time as you can spare is valued.

Every penny we raise goes directly back to the school and is spent on many different projects a great deal of which can be seen on the school's website.

We hold regular meetings and welcome and encourage anyone who wants to come along.

Should you wish to contact us, you can email through the schools website, leave a message with Mrs. Chapman at reception or find a member of the PTFA in the playground. Here's to another great school year!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - COME FOR COFFEE AND CAKE!



Where? Main School Hall When? Monday, 26th September

Why? All parents, carers and families are welcome to come to this informal coffee morning in support of this worthy cause. The PTFA will be there and it is a great opportunity to chat with other parents, some of the staff and existing members of the PTFA. Please feel free to talk to us on how you can get involved. Thanks go to the school staff who are going to bake some cakes to sell.

And ... There will be a Second Hand Uniform stall.

So come along and get to know some other parents at the school.
Families from all year groups welcome.



VACANCY - PTFA Chair

The PTFA is looking for a new chairperson to head up the PTFA team. If you have a few hours spare, are able to drop into school, would like to lead the PTFA meetings, enjoy organising events and would relish the chance to play a key role in the school community, we'd love to hear from you. The previous chair Penny Jones, is on hand to explain what the role entails.

Please contact Penny via email (ptfa@christchurchinf.dorset.sch.uk) or talk to Mrs. Chapman at reception to find out more details about the role / PTFA.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - EVERYONE IS WELCOME, WE'D LOVE TO SEE NEW FACES!

Welcome Meeting: Tues, 20th September at 7 pm in the School Staff Room.

Annual General Meeting (AGM): Tues, 4th Oct at 6 pm in the Staff Room, then PTFA Meeting at 7pm



We are asking for money you will not miss.

- ✓ FOREIGN COINS OR NOTES, OLD BRITISH/IRISH CURRENCY, FARTHINGS TO OLD 50 PENCE,
- ✓ OLD, OBSOLETE OR CURRENT CURRENCY

LITERALLY ANYTHING THAT IS OR WAS ONCE MONEY SHOULD BE COLLECTED.

You can help without really having to put your hand in your pocket by simply sorting out any old foreign notes and coins left over from holidays and business trips. Any old British or Irish coins and notes can also help. Even old decimal coins or farthings, 1d pennies, three pence, six pence, shillings and crowns are welcome. So seek out those old Spanish Pesetas, American Dollars, German Marks etc, literally anything, even obsolete currency can help. Foreign coins and small banknotes cannot be exchanged at any British bank or Bureau de Change. So please take a moment to donate these coins and banknotes and Cash4Coins will buy it all and turn it into a useful donation for our PTFA. Many thanks.

TEN GREAT REASONS TO BE INVOLVED IN THE PTFA

We all want our child's school to be the very best it can. A good way to help is by joining the Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA), and getting involved in the life of the school. Here's why!

1. Budgets at every school are extremely tight so money raised by the PTFA is used to pay for those little extras that can make a school a bit special, be it outdoor play equipment or a 'wow' day.
2. To be able to (within reason) predict a certain level of fundraised extra income each year allows the school to plan for additional resources.
3. Helping at PTFA fundraising events helps you get to know your child's teachers better and understand the way the school works and all the challenges and joys they find in their work
4. Being part of the PTFA helps you get to know other parents and their children. This is important for school matters but also great for a more active social life!
5. By joining the PTFA you have the chance to promote and enhance the school's standing within our local community.
6. Although occasionally embarrassed (watch older kids squirm as you talk to teachers and other parents) most children do actually like to know that you are there for them, taking an interest and sharing their experience.
7. Talking to other parents helps you and them. As we all find out, children don't come with instructions. Sharing experiences and parenting tips helps us all.
8. If you work it out the commitment is not too much. The occasional evening meeting and the odd Fair or other school fundraiser.
9. Everyone has different talents and skills they can bring to the PTFA. Our PTFA is inclusive and we try to find ways of incorporating all the different things that people can offer. Be that a fantastic cake recipe for a cake stall, ability with something like graphic design or printing or computers or the commitment to attend and contribute at the regular PTFA meetings. Similarly parents are a great interface between the school and the 'outside world'. Very handy for soliciting raffle prizes, sponsorship or other gifts in kind or professional help.
10. It's actually quite fun to run the 'splat the rat' stall at the Summer Fair or watch the kids enjoy themselves at the school discos. Isn't this what it's all about? It's part of the whole parenting package!

Interested? We'd love to see you at the next meeting.