



## Recreation Road Parent Teacher Association (RRPTA)

# Newsletter - November 2009

**Welcome** to the first PTA newsletter of the school year and a very warm welcome to our new parents and children.

As parents and staff you are automatically members of the RRPTA and are welcome to attend our informal committee meetings. We recently had a well attended AGM and your new committee is made up of:-

Rachel Hall & Tamsin Roques - Co-Chairs  
Sultan Walpole - Vice-Chair  
Cathy Pearson - Secretary  
Emma Farrant - Treasurer  
Serena Dixon - President  
Michael Bunting & Di Wüest - Teacher  
Reps plus a host of parent committee members.

We are a registered charity and it is our role to 'advance the education of our pupils'. We do this by organising various social and fundraising events, by helping to fund new equipment and 'extras' such as **subsidising the children's Christmas pantomime and paying for class parties**. We are also hoping that the money we have already raised will be used to fund a large Lego resource for the whole school to use. In addition, we very much want to enhance relationships between children, parents, carers and staff and to create a real community.

We have had a busy start to the year already.

Our **coffee and a cry coffee morning** was well attended by reception parents and our **social pta meeting** provided some interesting ideas for us to consider.

The **Macmillan Coffee Morning** was very successful and raised £218.54. Thank you to all of you who baked and bought.

The **family games night** was packed and there was lots of fun. We raised £125.50

Our **Harvest Cake sale** fell on a beautiful sunny day and we were delighted to raise £184.95 for the school's chosen charity - Dr B Clinic in Uganda. Again, thank you to all of you who baked and bought.

Our **Pamper and Craft night** turned out to be a roaring success and we were really pleased to raise over £650. Thanks to all of you who came and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

**Xmas cards** were really beautiful this year and should be back fairly soon. They raised £237.70

### Forthcoming Events

**BEFA - Next Week** we will be collecting tea and sugar in the school hall for the local charity that provides food parcels for the needy. Please leave your donations in the hall from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. More info will follow.

**Hampers for Christmas** - In the run up to Christmas, we will be giving each class a hamper and a colour theme. We will then be asking families to provide goods for the hamper which correspond with the class colour. Hampers will then be raffled to raise money for the school. Again, more information will follow.

**TREE O'CLOCK** - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
- Tree planting between 11am and 12.  
Come along to help plant some trees -  
we will be providing drinks for everyone  
who helps out.

**Next PTA Meeting**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 - the same  
day that the school is closed for teacher  
training. We will be in the staffroom  
from 7.30pm.

**Credit Crunch Quiz II**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January from 7.30pm - Adults  
only. Book the date and your babysitter  
now - tickets will go on sale after  
Christmas.

**What we have spent this term:**

£1700 on the panto visit.  
£500 on Grassroots Visit  
£550 - giving £50 to each class to buy  
something new  
£80 on breakfast and a book

**What we have agreed to fund:**

£1500 towards the sensory garden  
£800 for more benches  
£3000 for the new Lego resource  
£275 for class Christmas presents

Class Christmas parties  
Christmas Tree

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**WRITE DOWN THIS DATE NOW!!!**

**Summer Fete 2010 will be on Friday  
25<sup>th</sup> June from 6.00 - 8.00pm on the  
school field.**

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**How to stay in touch with us?**

Look out for news on our coloured letters  
in book bags, posters on your children's  
classroom windows/boards and notice  
boards around the school. We are hoping

to put up boards at key times at each  
school entrance to keep you informed of  
the latest news and events.

If you have any questions, suggestions or  
just want to say hello, please speak to  
one of the PTA members, e-mail Rachel  
on [racheljhall@hotmail.com](mailto:racheljhall@hotmail.com) or Tamsin on  
[tamsin.roques@virgin.net](mailto:tamsin.roques@virgin.net) or drop a note  
in to the school office marked 'RRPTA'.

**APPEAL FOR HELP FROM OUR WORKING  
PARENTS**

Do any of you work for a bank, insurance  
company or large multinational?

Many of these employers run  
programmes where they support their  
employee's involvement in charitable  
causes. This can take the form of pound  
for pound matching (where every pound  
raised is matched) or by small one off  
payments to the charity. Often the  
employee need only have a small role in  
the charity for the charity to benefit.  
Please ask your employer whether they  
run a scheme similar to this or check on  
your company intranet/webpages.  
Please get in touch with for more  
information.

**WEBSHOP**

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Best wishes from Rachel, Tamsin, Cathy,  
Emma, Sultan and all the PTA team.