



Penshurst Parent Teacher Association

SPRING 2024

Wishing Everyone a Very Happy Easter

And just like that, another 12 weeks of school has sailed by (quite literally with all the rain), culminating with today's Sponsored Ultimate Egg Race and Easter Egg hunt. Thank you to all those children who have sought sponsorship - every penny we raise makes a difference to our school.

The PTA was delighted to be able to fund a First Aid course for KS2 straight after half term and the feedback from the children was very enthusiastic. We hope to repeat this on a two-year rolling basis so that each child will have the opportunity when in Beech, and again in Oak, to learn key skills which could one day save a life.

Can we draw your attention to page 4 of this newsletter where we flag how to get involved with Easyfundraising. Please do this! It only takes a minute and really helps raise funds without anyone having to give anything personally. Almost £2,000 has been raised for the PTA to date on here. And even if you don't make the PTA your beneficiary, do it for another worthy cause! It's free money.

A final thank you to the amazing staff team for all you do to give our children such a happy introduction to their time in education. We are very fortunate to be a part of such a friendly and nurturing school which also offers such a rich learning experience.

PTA Pledges for 2023/24 Academic Year:

- **£4,000**
for new staff laptops
- **£2,000**
for school trips
- **£1,250**
for teaching book inserts
- **£1,000**
for investment in new curriculum
reading books

Major Fundraising in 2023/24 Academic Year:

- **£3,783**
from Bonfire Night
- **£1,661**
from Christmas (Secret Present
Room, Wreaths, Party & Cards)
- **£1,214**
from Wine Tasting
- **£644**
from Cake Sales (School,
Church)

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What we've been up to this term



Harriers 1/2 Marathon

Thank you to the 12 volunteers from the school community who took to the streets of Penshurst to marshal the Harriers half marathon on the final day of half term - a super turnout. The rain thankfully held off and everyone had a wonderful time encouraging the runners as they came through the village.



Easter Bonnets

The PTA had great fun working with all the children to make Easter bonnets for the in-school craft activity of the term. As always, the children approached the activity in a variety of ways with every design under the sun making itself known! We hope the hats get an outing during the school holidays.



World Book Day

It was brilliant to once again be part of the amazing World Book Day activities that our school lay on. What a fantastic day! Miss Trunchball, Miss Honey, Mr and Mrs Wormwood and Willy Wonka ran the book swap in the afternoon - we hope that all the children are enjoying their new book(s).



Wine Tasting

Saturday 9th March saw the village hall resplendent in fairy lights as 33 people went on a wine tasting tour of Europe. With samples from Hungary, Germany, Spain, Italy, Greece and, finally, Portugal, each wine was accompanied by nibbles from that region. The evening was a fun, relaxed affair, as well as a huge success, raising over £1,200 for the school.



Cake Competition

41 children rose to the challenge of creating an Easter themed baked good, with KS1 tasked with small treats, and KS2 whole cakes. Reverend Lisa was our esteemed judge and the final winners were declared as Fergus (year 1) and Harriet (year 5). The end of day cake sale raised a terrific £261. Thank you all those who participated either by making or buying cakes (or both!).



Easter Fun!

The final day of term has been full of laughter with the children taking part in the PTA Easter Egg Hunt. To "earn their egg", this year we ran a sponsored egg race - a master class in team work, hand-eye coordination and FUN! We hope the children have had a wonderful time ahead of the school holidays. Thank you, as ever, for all the sponsorship money raised. We will update you on the final amount soon.

Upcoming events



Penshurst Village Fete

Sunday 9th June: is the date! Make sure it's in the diary. It would be wonderful if lots of the children can join in. The PTA have two pitches which we are hoping children will get involved with running - including the water stocks! We are also in charge of the tea tent and a rather exciting agility course for children and adults alike. Don't miss it!



Cowden Village Fete

Saturday 15th June: we are planning to be at Cowden fete again this year as a number of children at the school live around Cowden. Do come along and support us if you can. We are planning on more biscuit decorating as this was a great hit last year. The fete has a 1940s theme which we will endeavour to embrace.



Summer Craft

Plans are well underway for this year's summer craft after the great hit of last year's tea towels. We hope to have the fruits of our crafting sessions on display at the annual summer coffee morning, and available for sale. The PTA really enjoy joining the children for these sessions which they always approach with great imagination and dedication.



Summer Coffee Morning

Friday 12th July: in the absence of a Jubilee or a Coronation, we have decided to stick with a summer coffee morning. Despite the vagaries of the British weather, this is always a popular event for parents and grandparents to come together and enjoy some tea, cake and a natter - and hopefully a performance from the children. We look forward to seeing you there.



Walk Tonbridge Marathon

Sunday 22nd September: some of the PTA are planning to take part in this event for Tonbridge Sustain. Our team are fundraising for our PTA as well as other charitable causes close to our hearts. We hope you will support us - or join us! If running is more your thing, then Marc Williams is plotting a 50km fundraising run around the same time. Get in touch with him on 07732 531865 to find out more



Bonfire Night

Saturday 26th October: SAVE THE DATE! Undeterred by last year's weather, our firework extravaganza is back on this year. Please do hold the date (1st weekend of autumn half term) and encourage all your friends and family to join us. We will need some volunteers on the night to run stands so please do chat to anyone on the PTA if you can help.



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

We have tweaked our SumUp platform this term to provide more second-hand uniform categories - hopefully making the whole shopping experience a little more straightforward. In addition to uniform, we are now also collecting any unwanted/outgrown fancy dress costumes - including any characters or general dressing-up accessories. We hope these will be a well-used resource at future World Book Days. [CLICK HERE](#) for access to the sales site.

Please contact Madds Jenner if you have any donations:
madds.jenner@btopenworld.com



HOW YOU CAN HELP



DONATIONS

If you would like to donate a one-off sum to help support the school then please follow the link below.

[DONATE HERE](#)

You can also make donations direct to the PTA bank account or to the school (contact Mrs Elliott)

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YOUR TIME

Do get involved - new faces are ALWAYS welcome!

Next meeting is **7.45pm on Monday 22nd April** at the newly revamped Leicester Arms. No matter the amount of time you can offer, it's always valuable to have fresh input.

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Some of your PTA team at work

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