



PTFA Newsletter September 2020



WHAT A YEAR!

A very warm welcome to all of you, particularly those who are new to the school. We have made it back to school after a very challenging past few months. We are extremely lucky to have the drive and tenacity of our new headteacher, Mr. Vallier, to pick things up during this unprecedented time and make the school an inviting and safe place to learn. In what has been an incredibly challenging time for everyone within our community, the teachers at Beach have welcomed our children ensuring their transition back to school is as smooth as possible.

This year's big project!

Amidst the madness of Cov-19, last year the PTFA still raised £8000 with your support at the Christmas fair, and through other fundraising events such as Christmas cards, pancake flip and film night! Thank you! This year, our aim is to raise money for the much-needed overhaul of the early years outdoor classroom. We shall be working alongside the early years team, involving the children in the design and, of course, helping to fund the development. We will be putting all our efforts this year into achieving this goal and transforming outdoor learning for the Reception pupils.



Used school uniform sale (the "purple stuff")

Several of you have enquired about dropping off donations of uniform before the end of term. Chris Peters is now happily accepting these in bags at the front office. We are currently building a spreadsheet to keep stock of these items online in order to be able to offer them for sale as a click and collect service! Many thanks to Sophie and Dulcie for kindly volunteering to support this.

Amazon smile

We have set up an account with AmazonSmile meaning that every time you shop, a portion of the purchase price will be donated to Shoreham Beach PTFA as a registered charity. This alone has raised £100 through parents shopping as they usually would. It is an easy fundraiser to setup at no extra cost to you, and your phones and tablets will remember us. Just go to the settings in the app, click on AmazonSmile and find "Shoreham Beach Primary School PTFA" as your chosen charity. When you're using the app, always check for the "AmazonSmile" logo to ensure you're activated for AmazonSmile.





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Crisp packets

Please continue to collect all crisp packets for our school recycling scheme. We would like to extend our thanks to Sophie Dellow for offering her help with this scheme.



Easyfundraising...

This site continues to be a fantastic fundraising scheme. If you do a regular online grocery shop, the donations soon add up. All of the major supermarkets are on board inc Ocado, Sainsburys, Tesco, Waitrose etc. Just register online with them and tell them who you want to support. Instead of going directly to the retailer website, log into easyfundraising first and click on the retailer you want to shop with...you will then be redirected to the retailers website and voila! www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shoreham-beach-primary-ptfa/

PTFA AGM postponed...

We wish to support our school in every way we can. I know you will appreciate the complicated and often difficult organisational position the school is in, with all the changes being brought about by Covid. We are sad that the majority of our events are postponed at present, but this is necessary while the school adjusts to the new practices and structures required to keep everyone safe. We hope to arrange a date for AGM next term.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The PTFA year is usually run on events that are both financially viable and also are great for community spirit and inclusivity. However, the current Covid-19 restrictions make some events impossible. For example, we normally have a Christmas Fair which raises around £4000 – but that cannot happen this year. So we are looking at ways of separating the two aims: making events less dependent on money, and focussing on the community; and finding ways of funding that aren't dependent on events. More to come on this over the term ahead.



Christmas Card and Mug designs

We are delighted to be able to run our hugely popular fundraiser in school this term. The project gives children an opportunity to be creative and celebrates their efforts and achievement. We will ensure all templates are completed in school this year to keep to the school's risk assessment regarding the quarantine of items from home. Purchase of designs is entirely optional with the PTFA benefitting from 20% of the sales.

This newsletter, together with our Facebook page, is the PTFA's regular means of communicating with you to let you know what we have lined up for the term ahead. Please feel free to contact us if you want to find out more of what we do, or if you have any ideas that you'd like to share with us.



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Thanks for your continued support, your PTFA!

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