

PTA October Blast – Have a fabulous half-term break!



Your top three things to do.....:

1. **Acorn Class Cake Sale – Grab yourself a treat today after school**
2. **Sponsored Walk – Pirates of Treasure Island – get those sponsors in during half term**
3. **Think about volunteering roles coming up.....**

Firstly a massive thank you to all the parents who attended the AGM (minutes will be available soon) and special thanks as always to our Chair of Governors who welcomed everyone and Ms Stratton and Mrs Draper who attended on behalf of the staff.

We are delighted to announce Amy Fletcher and Birgit Sampson have joined us in the role of Treasurer and we have a number of new, and repeat committee members as well, all listed below. These people form the core of the PTA and have specific roles we need to fulfil, however every member of staff and every parent and carer is automatically part of the PTA family, and we rely on **ALL OF YOU** to achieve our goals and volunteer in a myriad of different ways to give our children extended opportunities whilst at our lovely school. Never feel you have to do everything, but every piece of help is a help, be it volunteering to drive children to the panto, making cakes, writing grant proposals, judging a pumpkin competition, we need all of us to make this work.

Secondly, you should receive a sponsorship form in your child's bag this half term. We need to raise £3000 to attend the panto with the whole school, so we need everyone to get involved to make this happen!

Lastly, and most importantly, have an amazing half term!

Sponsored Walk- The Pirates of Treasure Island

The sponsored walk this year is raising money for the school pantomime. We need to raise around £3000 to pay for everyone's tickets so we really need to get all the children involved, please ask your neighbours, family and friends. There are prizes for the class raising the most money (average per pupil), best costume and individual prizes as well for most laps in KS1/KS2 and pupil raising the most. The kids love the sponsored walk, it is a great experience for them and also exciting for them to be able to earn the money to pay for their pantomime. Remember every parent at the school is part of the PTA so we all need to do this together.

The walk will happen on the second week after half term (w/c 8 Nov) in the class P.E. lesson. We may be looking for parental support on the day dependent on how it is running so please watch out for this!

On the day, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing including welly boots and waterproofs as well as pirate accessories.

All children will receive a prize for completing the walk and we also are hoping we might have some surprise visits from Captain Hook. You should receive a form in the bags today, but if not one is attached as well.

If we do not all raise the £3k together we may have to pay a supplement per child to attend the pantomime.



New committee details:

PTA Trustees:

Chairs – Angie Moore and Amy House

Secretary – Karen Ellwood

Treasurer – Amy Fletcher and Birgit Sampson

Core Voting Committee:

Jenny Alexander

Lucie Killick Derby

Mia Weatherill

James Hands

Alex Enston

Naomi Wood

Emma Skorczewski

Thank you to all the volunteers! I am sure we will have a successful, fun year!

Pumpkin Competition

Thanks to all those entries. Prizes will be given out today in worship and winners posted on FB. Thank you to our wonderful judge and all those of you who got involved!

Shepherd Hut Update

We are having final quotes done for the Shepherd Hut. We still have about £6-8k to raise so please have a think if there is anyone you know who might like to sponsor it, if you have any grants we can apply for! We really want to get this built in the Easter Holidays but have to have secured all the money by then.

Hever School Cookbook Update

The cookbook will be available to buy on PTA Events shortly, this is our online booking system. For any new parents we will be sending out instructions on how to login to this asap. The cookbook will make a great Christmas present so don't forget to bag yourself a copy! Well done to our cookbook team for driving this forward and we will be announcing the winner of the front cover competition soon.

Fundraising

As a PTA we try and raise money for some big projects, but as well as this we try and support each class to lead some fundraising and also to take responsibility for some events, helping us raise a pot of cash to split between various classes to spend on something personal to your class. Please support your reps to do this when they approach you, we have some set activities we need support for, but we are always keen to hear some new ideas!

Have a lovely half term, don't forget to bring your card for the Acorn cake sale this afternoonhappy Halloween!

Looking forward to seeing you all for some exciting Christmas activities next term!

The PTA Trustees – Amy, Angie, Karen, Amy and Birgit
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