



PTA News

2015 June 11

Upcoming events

Bring a bottle / jar of sweets & uniform and book sale - Friday, June 19

In preparation for the Summer Fair, could all KS2 (Y3-Y6) parents/carers please bring a bottle of alcohol and all KS1 (up to Y2) parents/carers please bring a jar of sweets (no nuts! and all sweets must be in original wrapper) in the morning to the double doors next to the school office.

We will also hold a used uniform and used books sale on this day both in the morning and at pick up time. Please donate any uniforms and books you may have but no longer need in the run up to this event - just drop them into the school office for the attention of the PTA. Thank you!

Grow a Fiver Challenge - Monday, June 15 - Tuesday, June 30

Do your kids burst with ideas? Are they always busy making or organising things? Would they like to take part in the Summercroft 'Grow a Fiver' competition sponsored by the PTA and Young Enterprise?



Their challenge is to make as much profit as possible from the seed fund of £5. For example, they may choose to buy ingredients for cakes and sell them to friends or buy a bucket and sponge and wash cars for neighbours. They can work individually or in teams, pooling their funds together. All teams will get to keep their profits (after repaying the seed fund). The challenge will run until 30th June and there will be a prize for the 3 winning teams (judged on profit, effort, idea, teamwork and engagement with the community). These 3 teams will also be entered into the National Young Enterprise competition! Winners will be announced and presented at the Summer Fair.

To enter the competition, please email the name of your team, the list of members (names, ages, class), a contact email and telephone number to pta@summercroft.herts.sch.uk.

Summer Fair - Saturday, July 4 from 1-4pm

You may have noticed the Summer Fair banner on the school gates and you should be getting flyers in the school bags soon. :) Please stick them on your fridge as a reminder.

The fair will be packed with all you need to keep kids busy and grown ups happy! There will be bouncy castles including slide and obstacle course, princess appearances, fire engines including Firefly, the 100 year old fire engine, police cars, pony rides, orienteering, archery, facepainting, children and family races, tug of war, kids boxercise, rowing challenge for adults with cash prize, beer tent, BBQ, candy floss, ice cream, raffles, tombola, stage performances, many many stalls with games and prizes, vendor stalls and more!

Please show your support and make your visit to the fair a family event!

We are also starting to look for helpers. Please email us or sign up at school reception if you would like to be part of the team of helpers who are at the heart of making this event a success! Note that we may be able to provide child care (let us know asap).

Very important! Please contact us if your place of work offers **Price Match** or **Matched Giving!**

We also very much need your help with sourcing the following:

- **Drinks** at cost or at reduced price
- A large **marquee** (for beer tent)
- **Gazebos**
- Contacts who may want to use our stage for a **performance** or show (free of charge)
- **Raffle** prizes and silent auction prizes
- Businesses who may want to **advertise** at the fair
- Corporate **sponsors** who may want to contribute towards the cost of the fair, e.g., bouncy castle hires

Thank you!



School Summer Camping - Saturday, July 4

Yes! It's happening! We are taking advantage of the fact that we will have the bouncy castles from the Summer Fair on site and will be holding our first summer camping on Saturday, July 4 from 5pm till Sunday, July 5, 12pm. There will be a small charge per person, which includes dinner and breakfast. Note that camping is strictly with parental supervision.

Tickets will go on sale in the next week or so. Everyone is welcome!



Reports on past events

Cake Sale on May 18

Thanks to Francesca Hill, Lorna Moulton, Jo O'Connor, Helen Gibbs, Angela Gatland, Dawn Grout, Rachel Thompson, Veronika Kapsali, Julie Goodeve and the year 6 helpers who volunteered on the day and to all parents/carers and pupils for the fab cake donations! The cakes sold in a record time and raised £165.80 profit for the PTA! Special thanks to Helen Gibbs who has helped at every cake sale since (and probably before) Fran started co-ordinating these events. Also thanks to Colin Chalk for his logistical support!

Sponsored bounce and run on May 21

The sun was out, the bounces were high and the laughter loud! The sponsorships are still coming in at the time of writing, but we are estimating near £3,400 total raised. Many thanks to all your fantastic support! All pupils should be very proud of their achievements!

Massive thanks to all the helpers on the day: Michelle Cundall, Sarah Fach, Helen Gibbs, Sue Flett, Sabah Fadil, Sarah Tatham, Francesca Hill, Angela Gatland, Jenni Cobbett, Dawn Grout, Ruth Kirkland, Maria Costa, Ferenc Kazai, Anna Marsal, Clare Dixon and Deepa Azad!

Thanks to Colin Chalk for his logistical help!

Special thanks to Colin Harris, who has been instrumental and has relentlessly cheered the kids on all day long!



Bike ride on June 6

Well done to the riders on this epic journey, covering 35 miles, all the way from Bishops's Stortford to Broxbourne and back! The PTA 'Tour de Stort' set off from Sworder's field at 1pm. The nine riders all contributed £10 each to the PTA to be part of this gruelling challenge, punctuated with a minimalist 6 pubs. A largely uneventful ride moved through Spellbrook (pub 1), but was plagued with mechanical failures on the Sawbridgeworth leg, with a failing saddle and a tire puncture. Thanks to some team spirited efforts and some luck, pub 2 was reached with all riders and bikes in one piece. The sunny weather held for the duration, but two riders took the train back from Harlow (pub 4) and a further casualty opted for the train at Roydon (pub 5). Six of the riders made it to Broxbourne for the 7pm dinner. Four of the riders then cycled the 15 miles back, finally getting to Sworder's field at 10.30pm, saddle sore maybe but happy and looking forward to the next ride! Big thanks to Colin Harris for organising the event! Special thanks to rider 10, Steve Law, for pledging £10 even though he could not make the event in the end, bringing the total raised to £100.



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