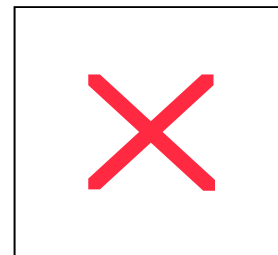


BELLEVILLE PTA NEWSLETTER 29 SEPTEMBER 2011



WELCOME!

THE PTA (Parent and Teachers Association) is a charitable organisation for all parents and staff in the school, run by volunteers who put together a huge range of events throughout the year. The aim is to have **FUN** and **RAISE FUNDS** at the same time. It's a great way to get involved in school life and meet other parents. And the money raised goes directly to improve the school environment for everyone.

NEW PARENTS SOCIAL EVENING – THURS 6 OCT 8PM

THIS INFORMAL **SOCIAL EVENING** will be held from 8pm in the main school hall for all parents and carers with children new to the school. It follows the **READING WORKSHOP**, which is most useful for Reception parents. So come along to meet other new parents, learn a little more about PTA activities, and enjoy a glass of wine.

METEOR STREET COFFEE MORNING - FRI 14 OCT 9.30AM

SEE BELLEVILLE METEOR for yourself. **Mr Grove** will be showing off the latest jewel in the Belleville crown, our new school at **Meteor Street**. There will be a **guided tour**, as well as a chance for you to find out how the PTA works, suggest new ideas or hear about this term's planned events over a cup of coffee and a biscuit.

QUIZ NIGHT – FRI 11 NOV 7.30PM

BOOK THE BABYSITTER and start rallying your team for the high point of the Belleville social calendar! Pit your general knowledge against parents and teachers alike and enjoy great food and wine at the same time. **Tickets go on sale the week before half term** and sell out fast. If you can help on the night or would like to take on the organisation of the quiz night in future years, please contact Jo Martin (jrs_martin@hotmail.com).

THE WHEELS ON THE BUS

WE ARE VERY EXCITED to announce that in the next few weeks the first of **Belleville's minibuses** will be arriving. The **second bus** should be on the road by the start of next term. Many thanks again to the generous support of the whole school community, which made this ambitious project a reality.

THE PEACEFUL PLACE

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED the **wonderful new murals and planting** around the Peaceful Place in the lower playground. This is the first phase of the PTA funded refurbishment of this area. Work will continue at half term to create an attractive, multi-purpose space, to be used for a huge array of activities, all year round.

ORGANIC VEGETABLE GARDEN

GET YOUR WELLIES ON and head to Belleville's organic vegetable garden tucked behind the Peaceful Place. If you'd like to help out, learn how to 'grow your own' or receive the regular veg newsletter email Jim Dutton (jd@motionrecords.com). Produce is sold when ready, roughly once a week in the upper playground.

ABEL & COLE ORGANIC VEG BAGS

YOU CAN ORDER weekly organic fruit and vegetable bags from Abel & Cole who give a percentage to the PTA. Last year we raised nearly £4,000 for the PTA through this scheme, so thanks to everyone and keep up the veg eating. Bags must be pre-ordered and picked up on a Tuesday afternoon from the top shelter. For details, see Annabel Howcroft or Jill Dicker-Solderer on Tuesdays or email howcroftaj@tiscali.co.uk.

COMMITTEE

CHAIR	Cecile MONICO (4L, 1H) and Debbie GOOLD (1B)
TREASURER	Paul BURROWS (1H)
SECRETARY	VACANT
CLASS REP LIASON	Eileen MARSHALL (1V)
NEWSLETTERS	Hilary CLARKE (4L, 2P, RE)

DIARY DATES

THURS 6 OCT

7pm Reading workshop
8pm New Parents Social Evening

FRI 14 OCT

9.30am Coffee Morning Meteor Street

FRI 11 NOV

8pm Quiz Night

FRI 2 DEC

Christmas Fair

SUN 11 DEC

OTHER TRUSTEES	Jill DICKER-SOLDERER (2P), Annabel HOWCROFT (4T, 2C), Elizabeth LYON (1B), Jo MARTIN (4, 2), Sally SHERIDAN (3), Swapna SHERRELL (2P, RE)
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CLASS REPS

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to be a PTA class rep. There are still some gaps, so if you would like to volunteer for the classes without a rep please contact Eileen Marshall eileen_marshall@hotmail.co.uk.

	REP/S		REP/S		REP/S
RH	Paula Miribel	2P	Hilary Clarke	4L	Marcia Gurney-Champion
RE	Swapna Sherell/ Judith Holland/Karen Walsh	2C	Louise Wilson/Karine Brunet	4T	Celia Maile/Annabel Howcroft
RA	Jo Gray	2K	Emma Brierley	5J	Cynthia Thomas
RL	VACANT	2M	Amel Day/Julie Grisoli	5N	Jill Foulds
1A F	Wendy Wilson/Bryony Taylor	3B	VACANT	5S	Katy Newman
1B	Ali Key	3C S	Alison Harffey/Jill Hollywood	6	Ginny Sewell/ Fiona Gammie/ Esther Authier/ Catherine Warren
1H	Kimberley Burrows/ Delana Durman	3M	Jayne Wedge/Kirstie Howard		
1V	Caroline Allen/ Leanne Clark	4R	Georgine Busch/Susan Bolger		

SUMMER FAIR

IT MAY SEEM like a distant memory, but thank you to everyone who made the Summer Fair such a great success. We raised over **£11,000**, which will be put to great use in the coming months. **Elizabeth** and **Debbie** also raised £82 selling lost property and balloons in aid of schools in Ghana. We hope you all had fun!

Special thanks go to:

- **Debbie Goold, Patrizia Gnoato, Annabel Howcroft** and **Jill Dicker-Solderer** for collecting amazing gifts for the raffle and tombola
- **Jo Martin** and **Patrizia Gnoato** for organising the estate agents boards and sponsorships and to everyone who had a Rampton Baseley board
- **Coralie Walker** for sorting out advertising, the website and photographing the event
- **Ann Kelly** for the programmes and **Estelle, Sharon** and **Brenda** in the office for helping with distribution of book bag flyers, reminding us to do things and so much more
- **Neil Findlay** (how are we going to do it without you next year?) and **Baki** for putting up gazebos on Friday
- **Steve Bishop** and the **team of dads** for setting up the stage, sorting electrics, putting up tables and taking it all down again at the end. You stars!
- **Lucy Van den Brul** for doing all the announcements. She's such a pro!
- **Kirstie Howard** for sorting out the money side of things, and **Lisel** for helping her
- **Matt** and **Will** for helping with music and the PA for Belleville's Got Talent
- Our sponsors **Youngs**, **Rampton Basely, Marsh & Parsons, John Thorogood, Gourmet Burger Kitchen** and all the local and national businesses who so generously donated to the fair
- **Chris Hayden** for the music of **Kidz'n'Rock** and to **Miss Lucy** from **Fancy Footwork** for the dance display
- **Anna van Es** and her team for running the very busy bar so efficiently and raising so much money
- Our wonderful stall holders and their teams of helpers: **Anastasiya** (Russian stall), **Annabel** (raffle and tombola), **Deadra** (south Asian food), **the teachers** (entrance), **Penny** (second hand toys), **Melissa** (kid's tombola), **Guy, Adrian** and **Alex** (tattoos), **Corinne** and **Caroline** (cakes), **Jim** and **Lucy** (plants), **Cynthia** (face painting), **Esther** (crepes/patisserie), **Ian** and **Wayne** (wet sponges), **Maria** (Italian food), **Catherine** (books and cds), **Holly, Tara** and **Shakira** (sweets), **Kate** (coconut shy), **Judith** for organising and the teachers and the **nursery mums** for maintaining control (bouncy slide and castle), **Marcia, Georgina** and **Susan** (Hook a Duck), **Marieke** (lucky dip), **Angela** ASC (kids crafts), **Mr Speller** (penalty shootout), **Jane** (badge making), **Kate** (nail bar), **Year 6 PAs** and **Kerry Walles** (jazzed up jewellery) – you all did a brilliant job. Thank you
- **The staff** who so willingly help, especially **Nicola Hedley** who rallied and organised them on our behalf!
- **Shakira Conningham** for organising Belleville's Got Talent and **Camille Hazeldene**
- **Baki** for an endless list of things and without whom the event simply would not happen. A BIG THANK YOU
- Last, but by no means least, thank you to **Sandra Janssens**, who almost single handedly organised the entire event with her usual determination and good humour, **Annabel Howcroft** for her enthusiasm and attention to detail, and to **Patrizia Gnoato** for her wise advice and prompts.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER

Inspired by this talk of fairs? We are already looking for ideas for stalls and volunteers to run them, for the Belleville Christmas fair, which will be straight after school on Friday 2 December.

Please contact **Annabel Howcroft** for more information and to volunteer to help
howcroftaj@tiscali.co.uk.



Belleville School PTA (Parent Teachers Association) is a registered charity 270097.