

Belleville PTA Newsletter

September 2018



WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

Now that the children are settled into their new school routine and clubs, it is time to kick start the PTA events for this autumn term.

Come one, come all to the **PTA AGM and coffee morning** on **Friday 28th September** at 9:30am in the quiet area of the playground at Webb's road. This is the perfect opportunity to meet new parents, quiz the PTA trustees and have a chat with our headteachers. Over a casual cup of coffee and biscuits, you will find out more about the PTA's fundraising efforts, how the money has been used and what future investments are in the pipeline for 2018-19. We look forward to parents' suggestions and are always looking for volunteers to join the PTA and contribute in whichever way they can. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU

We are desperately looking for new recruits to join the trustee committee and help at various events. We rely on volunteers and are grateful for everyone's help. We know how busy people are but remember that without you, there is no PTA.

PTA Treasurer – This is an essential role, which includes maintaining up-to-date records of all PTA financial transactions, complete annual reports, apply for event licenses and organise float for all key events.

PTA Trustees – We have up to 6 trustee vacancies to fill. This is the ideal role for parents/carers looking to get involved in the life of the school. You will decide how to manage the PTA events and funds. Evening meetings take place at Belleville roughly every 6 weeks. If you are keen, why not join us at our first meeting on October 11th?

PTA Co-Chair – We need a Meteor parent to step forward to succeed ex Co-Chair Christine Glauerdt and work alongside Webb's Co-Chair Paloma Belaunde.

If you are able to help in any of these capacities, please get in touch on Bellevillepta@gmail.com

Don't miss out, join Classlist!

Thank you to all of you who have joined classlist. Already 748 parents/carers have registered since September, which is 85% of the Belleville community. You can also download the app rather than go through the website. The PTA will be using Classlist to send all general PTA communication. This will come in form of announcements to the whole school. Parents and reps can also send announcements to their year group or class, post any query on the board, organise events and message any parent from the school privately. You can customize your own settings to suit your needs: enabling or disabling notifications, choosing your e-mail address to remain private or visible to your class or year etc . . .

The beauty is that all of this is GDPR compliant!

We are confident it will minimize the number of e-mails clogging your inbox and it should lighten the load for the class reps.

A huge thank you to **Julien Basch**, our new trustee, for kicking off this initiative and improving the way we communicate.

Save the date!

PTA AGM/Coffee Morning
Friday 28th September
9:30-10:30am
Webb's Rd, quiet area

Come meet the PTA, class reps and the school heads. Find out more about how the PTA fundraises, what the money has been used for and what investments are needed in the future.

FILM NIGHTS
Friday 5th & 12th October
5 – 7pm
Meteor Street

Drop your children off for a pre-weekend treat. Two sessions will be held - reception to yr2 on the 5th and yrs 3-6 on the 12th. Tickets will go on sale via Wisepay from Friday 28th September.

NEW PARENTS PHONICS EVENING
Thursday 11th October
2:00pm & 6:30pm

A brief introduction to the PTA will follow from the new parents phonics evening.

EVENT NEWS

Dr Shwamps's Schwampshack – Tonight!

Come and join us for a musical evening in aid of the PTA tonight – **Thursday 27th September** from 8pm at the Half Moon Pub in Putney. Dr Schwamp and their ebullient mix of blues, ska, gypsy and country music will treat you to a musical extravaganza. Tickets are £15. We would like to thank you Karen Walsh, Dr Schwamps manager and Belleville parent, for donating 20% of all Belleville ticket sales to the PTA.

Catch-up Session for 2019 Class Calendar Photos

Photographers Sasha de Paz and Roger Cannon spent a couple of days at Belleville this week photographing the children in their month of birth for the class calendars. Do not worry if your child was absent and missed their photo. Both photographers will return to Belleville on **Thursday 4th October** to reshoot the incomplete months and photograph all children in Nursery Red (afternoon).

Christmas Shopping Evening - Cancelled

We are sad to announce that this year's Christmas Shopping Evening, usually held mid-November, has been cancelled, as we have not found volunteers to take over from last year's organising team. The evening raised an impressive £3,000 for the PTA. After 5 years, it was starting to have a great following of stands. If anyone would like to resurrect this event next year, please get in touch.

Christmas Tree Sale - Organisers needed

Over the years, the PTA has organised the sale of non-drop Nordman fir trees from the Webb's school playground. With 20% of sales going to the PTA, it raises £1,000 each year. This year's event has been penciled in for **9th December** with our partner company who delivers the trees in the morning and collects any unsold ones. Unless a team of volunteers comes forward, this event will also be cancelled. The team needs to sell, measure, wrap and carry trees from 9:30am to 12pm so a few strong Dads would be essential.

PTA INVESTMENTS THIS MONTH

£15k for New Guided Reading Books

The project to revitalise all reading resources for all year groups is continuing this term with a significant £15k investment from the PTA. The new exciting guided reading books will start making their way to your children from half term. This project, led by Mr Hudd, aims to promote a passion for books amongst all children by sourcing books that are thematically strong, related to the current news agenda, have a greater diversity of protagonists and authors, and whose format is more appealing to reluctant readers.

New playground equipment and PE kit coming soon

The PTA has funded £1,000 for the purchase of new games and outdoor activity sets for the playground. The children on both sites will soon receive skipping ropes, balls, cones, goal posts, bean bags and many more fun items to keep them busy during playtime.

New athletics equipment, such as hurdles, high steppers and other equipment for ball skills such as target throw, space markers and giant hoolas, have also been purchased for £1,700. This equipment is much needed for sports days and to update the current old equipment.

Looking ahead...

FILM NIGHTS ARE BACK!

This October, the PTA will be screening *Peter Rabbit* (PG) for children in Reception to year 2 on **Friday 5th October** and *The Greatest Showman* (PG) for children in year 3 to year 6 on **Friday 12th October** at Meteor Street. We encourage the children to come equipped with a blanket/bean bag or sleeping bag for a cosy and fun cinema experience. Popcorn and a drink will be provided.

Tickets cost £5 and will go on sale via Wisepay, a week before the screening.

Chaperones needed! The event cannot go ahead unless we have enough parent helpers to supervise the children. Please email Naomi Bennett on naomibennett77@yahoo.co.uk if you are able to help.

A huge thank you to our new Film Night sponsor **SellMyHome.co.uk** for all their support.

QUIZ NIGHT BATTLE

Get ready to test your knowledge against the best of the best. Will the parents or the teachers take this year's crown? The ever-popular quiz night is back on **Friday 23rd November** at Meteor Street. Save the date and book the babysitter for one of the most enjoyable evenings in the PTA calendar. Tickets will be available via Wisepay. More information on the event will follow soon. In the meantime, if you know of a company looking to sponsor events at Belleville, please put them in touch with the PTA. Event sponsors are always sought after.