



Combe Down Parent Teacher Association

January 2011 PTA Newsletter



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The next PTA School Disco will be held on Thursday 17th February 5pm – 6pm for KS1 and 6.30 – 7.30 KS2. Tickets £2.50 to include drinks and a bag of crisps. Tickets on sale that week and on the night.



Diary Dates

- 17th February – PTA School Disco
- 3rd March – Ready, Steady Cook
- 17th March – PTA Meeting
- 27th March – Spring Table Top Sale
- 1st April – After school Film Night

We would like to hold more events across the year to be able to raise more money and be able to support our children, teachers, parents and community. To be able to do this however we will need more help. We have put together a calendar of events across 2011/2012 and we are looking at small teams of volunteers (3/4 people) to run one event a year (except for the Summer and Christmas Fairs). Alternatively, if you and some friends have a new idea for an event/fund raising/project then you could always organise it if you want to. Please let us know if you are able to help us to deliver this **EXCITING AND CHALLENGING** programme this year!

What we have spent funds on...

- School Benches and Picnic Tables
- Childrens Christmas Lunches
- Nativity Refreshments
- Arts Projects – Christmas Baubles
- Christmas Fair
- Steam cleaner for lunchtime assistants

We welcome any ideas you may have for new fundraising or social events you would like us to run. You can either email us or post a letter in our Suggestions Box (in the Hall Foyer next to our notice board)

Fund Raising Update...

- The Christmas Fair raised £2591
- Yellow Moon raised £30
- November School Disco raised £637
- 100 Club raised £502



Keep up to date with PTA News

1. See our main notice board in the Hall Foyer
2. Check the PTA section on the school website
3. Watch out for notices in the playground and
4. Items in the school newsletter or
5. In our own PTA Newsletters, out once a term.



Invitation Books

If you ordered an Invitation Book last year through the PTA, then it runs out soon. Please let us know if you would like to re-order one through the PTA as we get a **£4 donation** per book ordered or you can order it online if you have had a reminder. Last year we raised approx **£400**. If you are new to the school or did not have one last year and **would like to order one, please let us know** and we can get a book to you shortly. The cost per book this year is £22.99. The invitation book includes 100's of discount vouchers and codes valid locally and at national attractions, restaurants, online and retail outlets.



**contact us at
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Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the PTA meeting last week. We had our best ever turnout!

Ready, Steady, Cook – 3rd March



Our next event for parents will be a fun filled, food extravaganza on the 3rd March, from 8pm. Pampered Chef will be hosting a take on the popular daytime TV show which will involve a couple of teams of 2 parents (mums v dads?) competing to produce a tasty Ham & Apple Jalousie! The audience will vote for the team they think did the best (red tomatoes v green peppers). The PTA will receive 10-15% of all Pampered Chef sales on the night and £2.50 for every new show booked. Tickets will be on sale for £5.00 per head which includes a pint (or glass of wine of course) and one of Mrs Beswethericks' homemade Cornish Pasties! There will also be a couple of other stalls on the night. Look out for your class rep who will have tickets available from Monday 14th February. All money raised on the night will go towards refurbishing the Hall Foyer.



Lower Playground Sunshade/Outside Playroom

The amended planning permission is to go in to BANES next week and we should have a final decision within 8 weeks. Fingers crossed it will be up in plenty of time for the sun coming out!!

The Royal Wedding – Friday 29th April

We are looking for any of your suggestions of ways we could celebrate the Royal Wedding. Any ideas would be greatly appreciated to make this an event for the children to get involved in and to remember!

School Hall Foyer

The school, along with the PTA, have identified the need for the refurbishment of the Hall Foyer. We are running a variety of events this year to raise much needed money to fund this big project. The need for more storage both in the foyer and in general was also discussed. Vanessa Gates will be organising for some skips to be in school this term to start clearing unwanted items from around the school in order to free up some storage space. **PLEASE EITHER LET VANESSA GATES KNOW OR EMAIL THE PTA IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP.** Thanks!!

You can find the Minutes from our last PTA Meeting on the PTA Notice Board in the Hall Foyer



Spring Table Top Sale – Sunday 27th March

We will be holding a Table Top Sale in the School Hall and lower playground (under our new gazebo's if raining). This event will start at 10.30am (set up from 9am) and go on until 1.30pm. There will be refreshment stalls available serving hot dogs, bacon butties and hot/cold drinks. You can reserve a table for £8 and general admission will be 50p per adult on the day. Further details of other stalls and activities available will be listed nearer to the day. Please email us if you would like to reserve a spot and start saving those unwanted items for selling!!! All money raised will go towards funding playground equipment which the School Council will be involved in choosing.

Mrs Paterson, with the help of funds from the PTA, has organised for some fantastic mounted photographs of our children participating in a variety of events in school. These are going to be displayed around the School Hall to help brighten it up. Mrs Paterson would like to invite you to an exhibition of these photo's on the 28th January at 3pm in the Hall Foyer. In conjunction with this, Year 3 will be playing their recorders, running a cake sale, and there will be refreshments available. Please come along if you have a minute, to have a look at this positive initiative.