



# July 2011 PTA Newsletter



## Diary Dates 2011/2012

- 29<sup>th</sup> September - PTA Meeting
- 1<sup>st</sup> October - Parent Disco
- 20<sup>th</sup> October tbc - Children's Disco
- October - Clothes Recycling
- 27<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Fair
- January - PTA AGM



Helen Mattock  
Co-Chair



Heidi Richards  
Co-Chair

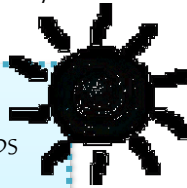


Kate Morton  
Treasurer



Melanie Gwilliam  
Secretary

The sunshade in the lower playground is well and truly up at last. We have had lots of very positive comments about how fantastic it looks and how well it fits into the playground. It has been well used already with next years reception children using it for their story time and the arts projects using it to put together the mosaic for the front gates, not to mention by all of the children at playtimes.



## Class Reps 2011/2012

We will be looking for new Class Reps from September (unless the current class reps want to continue of course!) Please let us know if you would like to volunteer for this vital role. Just to give you an idea of what is involved, this year's reps; have attended PTA meetings, shared this information with parents in their class via email or discussed things in the playground, they have helped at PTA events and generally been our back bone! **Thank you** so much to all this years Class Reps for all of their help, amazing support and contributions throughout the year, that have helped this year to be as successful as it has. We couldn't do this without you all helping to share the workload...

**SCHOOL TEA TOWELS** - WE HAVE NOW BROKEN EVEN ON TEA TOWEL SALES AND ARE STARTING TO MAKE PROFIT! WE HAVE SOLD £1044 WORTH SO FAR. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET BOUGHT ONE AND WOULD LIKE TO DO SO, THE SCHOOL OFFICE ARE SELLING THEM FAST AND FURIOUSLY (AND WE CAN ALWAYS ORDER MORE IN TIME FOR GRANDPARENTS AT CHRISTMAS!)

**GIRLS NIGHT IN** - A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO TARA AND REBECCA FOR ORGANISING OUR ANNUAL GIRLS NIGHT IN, WHICH WAS A FANTASTIC NIGHT, AND HAS RAISED AN AMAZING £847 ON THE NIGHT

**New Events** - Some new events and fund raisers for the next academic year include a Parents Disco as our first social event of the year, a Barn Dance, a Boden Clothes Event, Children's Art Christmas Cards, a School Recipe Book, lots of new arts projects, and the Queens Jubilee Celebrations. If you have any further ideas please let us know, we are always open to new suggestions.



## Clothes Recycling Update

Thank you for donating all of your unwanted clothes last month, which have been collected, gone to good homes and raised **£130** for PTA funds in the process! We will be organising these clothes collections on a regular basis in October and April so you can plan ahead, clear out your wardrobes on a regular basis for a great cause...

**Arts Projects Update** – as part of their final arts project this year, kindly organised by Jo Locke and a team of helpers, the children have put together some mosaics to be mounted on the school gates in the lower playground to make them look less severe! Arts projects are continuing to be planned for next year including another reception outdoor display to rival 'the butterflies' and a whole school themed mural for reading week. If you are able to help out, please contact Paula Hawkins on [paula\\_jane\\_hawkins@btinternet.com](mailto:paula_jane_hawkins@btinternet.com) or speak to her in the playground. Paula is also in talks with the school about the setting up of an **afterschool arts club**, run by a company called Funky Art House., and would love to hear from you to see if there is any demand for this great initiative. Likely costs will be £4.20 for an hours session to include all materials.

## Parents Disco – 1<sup>st</sup> October

Our first new social event for next year will be our Parents Disco on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. Jen Walton has still got the bug and is kindly organising the disco which will take place at Combe Down Rugby Club. Tickets will go on sale next term at a cost of £5 per person. There will be a DJ providing the music and the rugby club will be serving drinks as usual. Food details are still to be confirmed. Watch out for more details to follow in September.

So that we can get a feel for how the PTA has done this year, you will notice some of the class reps in the playground, with their clipboards at hand, carrying out a very quick questionnaire. It will also be emailed to everyone on the PTA mailing list. Please help us, we need your feedback to make sure we plan the right type and numbers of events for next year!



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## 100 Club

Please email us if you would like to join the **100 Club** with a chance of winning a main prize of up to £20 each month, all for just £1 per month entry (either by direct debit or annually in advance). All monies raised go towards our fund raising. Thank you to Diana Cochran for organising this valuable and regular income...



## Second Hand Uniform Sales

Sadly both Mel and Debbie will be unable to run the PTA second hand uniform stall from September. We want to thank them for all of their work and support over a number of years which has generated regular income for the PTA in all weathers! Thank you so much to you both. We are therefore looking for someone (or a couple of friends to share the workload) to run this valuable stall on a regular basis. Currently it is being run on alternate Wednesdays but this can be altered to suit and could be reduced to once a month if easier. Please contact us if you are able to help on [combedownpta@gmail.com](mailto:combedownpta@gmail.com). Thank you.



Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the PTA meeting last week in the pub!