



# March 2011 PTA Newsletter



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**Diary Dates**

- 10<sup>th</sup> June - Mufti Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Fair 2pm -4pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> June - Quiz Night
- 30<sup>th</sup> June tbc - Clothes Recycling
- 1<sup>st</sup> July - Girls Night In
- 7<sup>th</sup> July - PTA Meeting
- 7<sup>th</sup> October tbc - Parents Disco!

Where some of the money you helped to raise has been spent...

Picnic Table and Benches for both playgrounds	£1242
Airfix Models for Year 4	£203
Xmas Lunch at Ralph Allen	£952
Software Licence to support pupils with special needs	£440
New school piano and repair of old one	£839
Toys and Games for Reception	£467
Hall Photographs	£200
Water Coolers	£835
Water Urn for Kitchen	£100
S'presso Software Programme as an online teaching resource for the whole school	£2239
Portable PA System	£1500
Royal Wedding Celebrations	£450
Sun Shelter for Lower Playground	£7000



## Summer Fair Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm till 4pm

Come along to support our main fund raiser of the year and enjoy an afternoon of traditional Summer Fair including the opening ceremony with singing from the School Choir, Maypole Dancing with both a children and a teachers' dance, miniature garden display, a selection of stalls including; luck dip, hidden treasure game, guess the teacher/baby photo competition, face painting and tattoos, Year 5 & 6 fundraising stall, refreshments including a beer and pimms tent, cream teas, ice creams and hot dogs/burgers , children's craft area, police car to look and sit in, bouncy castle and gladiators, skittles, coconut shy, stocks and our usual fantastic raffle with prizes including a Spa Day at The Bath Spa Hotel, a chef for the night to cook for 6, Bobby Mac haircut, Darling Deli hamper, Bristol Zoo Voucher, Build a Bear Voucher to name but a few!

**Fund Raising Update...**

- Spring Table Top Sale Raised £210 net
- Spring Disco £454 net

What a fantastic afternoon Combe Down's Royal Wedding Celebrations turned out to be! Thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a special event...



## Lower Playground Sunshade

Vanessa Gates updated us at last weeks PTA Meeting of progress on the Sunshade. Delivery is at last expected the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> June which is great news and hopefully in time for some glorious summer sun (don't hold your breath). An illustration of the Sunshade ordered is shown here. Vanessa may need some help with moving one of the flower beds, replanting one of the small trees and some ground levelling if anyone is up for it. Some ideas shared at the meeting to ensure the Sunshade gets maximum usage was to look at introducing some play ideas into the shade like a blackboard for chalking, construction toys like Lego, dolls, and soft seating like waterproof bean bags etc This would help to make it a fun and creative play area of the playground and out of the sun.



Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the PTA meeting last week.



**Quiz Night – 17<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Pencil in your diary as tickets will go on sale shortly for our popular annual Quiz Night. Start getting your teams together for more very competitive fun!**

Sue Mercer (reception mum) is looking to put together a School Recipe Book with all of our favourite recipes for next year. If you have any of your children's favourite recipes you would like to put forward please let us know. Sue is also looking to get some recipes from local businesses and 'local celebrities' not to mention from some of our very own teachers (celebrities in their own right in our children's eyes!)

Please email us if you would like to join the 100 Club with a chance of winning a main prize of £15 each month, all for a nominal £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...

## Textiles Recycling

We will shortly be sending out a clothes collections bag along with more details of a recycling scheme we are hoping to trial by the end of June. Any unwanted clothes and textiles will be sent



to Bristol Textile Recyclers to be recycled and sold to importers and wholesalers in Africa. For every kilo in weight of textiles we give, we receive 45p towards our fund raising and a lot more space in our wardrobes!



## Arts Projects Update

We all love Reception's Butterflies project on the ICT Suite which is helping to brighten up the playground, along with the new planting, it is looking fab! There will be a group of arty volunteers helping to run the all new arts and crafts area at the Summer Fair to keep our lovely little ones entertained...If you have any other lovely creative ideas you think would work, please contact either Paula Hawkins or any of the PTA Committee. Thank you Paula and to all of the fantastic team of volunteers...



COMING SOON...Watch out for Combe Down Primary School Tea Towels which will be on sale very soon for either £3.50 each or two for £5. There will be two tea towel designs available, one per key stage and all money raised from the sale of these will go straight to the PTA after costs. Thank you to Julia Reynolds for organising this lovely project.

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June

don't forget its Mufti Day, please bring a bottle for the Tombola Stall

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