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PTA Dates for your diary

Wed 10th Jan 8pm -
PTA committee meeting
Sat 3rd Feb - Quiz night
Wed 7th Feb 9am -
Bag2School collection
Fri 2nd Mar - Children's
Discos
Sat 24th Mar - Easter
Family Bingo evening
Sat 16th Jun - Summer
Fair

Brief notes

Contact us

Email - mail@grevillepta.org.uk

PTA letterbox - in the school reception.

Vouchers - We collect the following:

- ◆ **Sainsbury Active Kids** - new scheme launches in Feb 07.
- ◆ **Nestlé Box Tops** - keep sending them in.
- ◆ **Persil Stars** - although we don't collect these we do 'trade' them for other vouchers with another local school, so please send them in.
- ◆ Look over the page to see how you can win **Chessington tickets** to use over the Christmas holiday.

Once again a busy first term of the academic year for the PTA. We have held several successful events and the bank balance reflects this. We started the year with a focus on raising money so that we can install outside play/climbing equipment in the infant and junior playgrounds and on the funding front we are already half way there. Installing equipment like this is expensive as it needs safety surfacing, the school is currently obtaining quotes and the plan is to involve the school council, which has representatives from each class, in the final decision on what to buy.

We have also been talking with the school about replenishing the school library books, particularly the non-fiction sections where new topics have come onto the curriculum recently. We suggested a scheme whereby a child has an option to present a book to school on their birthday with an inscription and get a mention in assembly. More detail on what books the school would like will come from Miss Webb in the new year.

Remember too that as PTA members you are all welcome to put in spending suggestions, just post them in the PTA box three days ahead of a committee meeting (usually held in first week of the month).

Best wishes to you and your family for Christmas and the New Year.

Pauline Dulake, Greville PTA Chair

Fireworks display

A huge thanks to all those involved in making the firework evening such a big success, particularly to Anthony Coton and his firing team whose efforts were so impressive that some attending parents thought we had hired professionals! Other particular thanks to Louise Wakeman for ticket sales, Julie Mottershead for the glow-in-the-dark sales, Miss Webb for gate duty, Sarah Jones for coordinating hot dogs and to those who helped on refreshments on the night. It was a fun evening but I know that a lot of hard work was behind it. I think even the children watching from the safety (and quiet!) of the classrooms enjoyed the display.

Julie Anderson



Our October Bag2School fund raiser earned us £177. Thank you to everyone who brought along their bags stuffed full of old clothes and linen. Our next collection is 9am on Wed 7th February, again following a parent evening in school so you can drop off the night before. Bag2school specialises in quality second hand clothing which they sell on to wholesalers in Russia, Latvia & Lithuania. More information can be found on www.bag2school.com.

Christmas Fair

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the organisation of the fair on 24th November. We had good positive feedback from helpers and visitors. Emily Razzell and her team did a great job of creating a magical Grotto for the children to enjoy. The event raised around £4,000 for PTA funds. We ran a small competition to find the class who contributed most to the decoration of their stall and awarded Miss Misson's year 4 class the prize of £100 for golden time activities. They have their prize and will share what they have chosen with all of the year 4 children. They decorated the classroom for Adult gifts and made the lovely Christmas tree signs.

Disco

The first disco of the school year had a Christmas theme and the hall looked very festive, especially with the beautiful Xmas tree taking pride of place. Thanks to all those who volunteered on the evening, especially Carole Stemp and Debbie Amos and our first aiders. Over 320 children came along and due to their brilliant behaviour, everyone had a great time and the best dancers got to take home a prize. Those who didn't win a prize still enjoyed themselves and there is always a chance to win next time. The next disco will be on 2nd March when Emily Razzell will hopefully be back as our DJ but I think everyone agrees that the stand-in DJ did a great job!

Julie Anderson

Grounds Project Update

- You will have noticed two shelters funded by the PTA were erected at half term, and anyone coming into school regularly will also notice that they are very well used. The school has had some issues with the ramp leading to the new pavilion being slippery and this is to be addressed soon.
- Work has started on selecting options for junior & infant play equipment and we expect a large part of this term's fund raising to be spent on outside play equipment.
- We have secured a grant of £500 from Legal & General for spending on the creation of a school growing garden. Mrs Parkinson has created the plans and the aim is to get this set up early next term. She will no doubt need some willing helpers to assist the gardening club create the garden so look out for a book bag request!

The Grounds Improvement Project is a joint activity with the school to improve the school grounds for the benefit of the school community. If you are interested in getting involved please contact us.

Christmas cards

Thanks to Sue Watts for organising the Christmas cards. Friends and relations have been very impressed when they received a strikingly professional card with original artwork by a child. Our decision to do this was taken rather late as Sue only joined the committee in October and cards arrived later than promised by the printer, next year we will start the process sooner so we get our cards earlier.

Quiz night

It's back on Saturday 3rd February.

The Quiz Night is always a popular, fun evening and a chance to amaze your friends with all that know-how. Are you up to facing the fresh challenges posed by the resourceful Quiz Team? All you need to do is make up a team of 6 people (it doesn't matter if it turns out to be 5 or 7!) or you can come and join a team on the night. You are welcome to include friends and family from outside the school.

The ticket price includes a fish and chip supper. To make the evening go with even more of a swing, please bring with you whatever you would like to drink, plus glasses and savoury snacks/nibbles.

Application forms will be in book bags early in January or download one from www.grevillepta.org.uk

Second hand school uniform is stored and sold by the PTA. If you have any Greville school uniform that you have grown out of, but is still in reasonable condition, please donate it to the PTA, via the school office, likewise if you need anything please give us a call on 272478.

Or email

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Competition - we have 4 tickets to visit Chessington over the winter period to give away to the first post card drawn on the last day of term. If you would like to win please put a postcard with 'Chessington' your name, class and telephone number in the PTA box by 9am on Wednesday 20th.