

Dear Parents

What a brilliant night we had two weeks ago at Poundon House. The May Ball was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was lovely to see so many of the community also attended and along with many staff and parents who donned their ball gowns and bow ties to enjoy a wonderful meal followed by dancing and a little bit of alcohol. We can now announce that the ball raised just over £6000! This is a phenomenal amount for a school of our size. Enormous thanks go to the Roscoe family for providing the most fantastic venue. Also a big thank you to Ian Howson and his family for the catering, everything was beautifully presented, and then served by several of our ex-pupils amongst others. The Piston Band were excellent and got everyone up dancing from the first note. Finally my personal thanks to the team of PTFA members who organised the whole event. To Katie Ellison and Katherine Rollason who we first suggested the idea to and who then turned it into a reality. To Rachel Handford, Denise Wade, Corrina Megenis and Imogen Cyster amongst many others who helped to make the event such an enormous success. We all look forward to the next one!

Foundation had a lovely day at Meadow Farm last week. They thoroughly enjoyed hunting for bugs, pond dipping and learning about their environment.

Please could you check that <u>all</u> your child's uniform is named, especially their cardigans and jumpers as these are often taken off at playtimes. Also, could you ensure your child is wearing school uniform and they look smart as they represent the school both inside and outside the building. PE kit is also part of the school uniform and we would encourage children to wear the school kit or at least dark blue or black shorts and a plain white tee-shirt. They also need trainers, plimsolls and socks. The whole school photograph is coming up and I would be very grateful if children come to school in full school uniform particularly that day including grey or white socks and no brightly coloured hair adornments.

Once again, please do not drive into the carpark to drop off or pick up your children and please inform grandparents etc. that they must not do this either. The bus, van deliveries and staff are often moving in the car park. Children do not see the dangers and will walk or run away from parents, especially nursery age children. Reversing out of the carpark also creates a hazard for pedestrians crossing the road to reach the school. There is plenty of parking space away from the school which is safer for everyone.

We are all very excited about our first residential next week. We leave here at 7.45am on Monday for an exciting day at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and then arrive at Fairthorne Manor by 5pm to spend the



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The Year 6 Rounders Festival was enjoyed by all. We played 3 games, won 2, and lost the  $3^{rd}$  by  $\frac{1}{2}$  a rounder. As it was a 'round robin' we still don't know the final result, but everybody had fun.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Judith Foster Headteacher

## UNIFORM

If you are looking to purchase new school uniform for September would you please get your orders to the school office as early as possible. The Summer term is the busiest time for our suppliers and delivery normally takes several weeks. If you would like to try on items for sizing please visit the school office, after school if possible.



We do also have some second hand uniform in school which you are welcome to look through. This is sold on behalf of the PTFA and any funds raised support their fundraising efforts.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you very much to everyone who has sent back completed questionnaires. If you haven't yet returned your parent or pupil questionnaire the deadline is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May.



So far we have had **48%** of parents and **31%** of children respond.

This information will then be analysed by the Governing Body and Staff. Once this has been done we will feedback to you.

## BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

Buckingham School have asked us to let you know about some dates coming up for parents of Year 5 children.

Thursday 7th July and Thursday 14 July Coffee Morning and School Tour for Year 5 Parents/Carers

9.15am, Headteacher's welcome speech, followed by a tour of the school. There will be an opportunity to talk to members of the



Senior Leadership Team and pastoral care/support staff, over a cup of coffee. The Open Mornings will conclude by **10.45am**. Places can be booked by emailing csherwood@bucksgfl.org.uk or telephone 01280 812206.

## PHONICS SUPPPORT SESSIONS

Don't forget Miss Chilton's Phonic Support Sessions on a **Monday afternoon from 3.00pm - 3.15pm** in the school hall.





Please don't forget the Minibeast Parade taking place in Reception and

Nursery on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016.



We're looking forward to

seeing all the children dressed in their minibeast costumes.



# HELP WITH READERS



If you have an hour to spare in your day, would you like to hear readers in school? We need parents/grandparents to come on a regular basis and listen to children read to help give that extra practice. If you think you can help please speak to your child's teacher or the school office.

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Just to remind parents of Year 5 and 6 children that you need to be at school for **7.45am** on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Please don't forget a packed lunch in disposable packaging and at least two non-fizzy drinks.

We will keep you all updated when the children arrive in Portsmouth.

#### SUNDAY AT 4

Sunday 22 May 4pm-5.30pm at Grendon Underwood Village Hall

Sunday at 4 is for children of primary school age. We meet for fun, games, Bible stories, craft activities, music, prayer and refreshments. This month our theme is Three in One.

It helps planning if you can let Revd David Hiscock know if your children hope to attend. Tel. 01869 277297 email david@s3d.co.uk



Outdoor Learning will now be den building,

25 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 and 2
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 3 and 4
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 and 6
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Camp Out Day

Please make sure that the children have their wellies and weather appropriate clothing in school on their outdoor learning day.

#### HOT LUNCHES

Menu's and order forms are available via the school website <u>www.twyfordschool.org.uk</u> or from the school office.

<u>ALLERGEN ADVICE - If you have any concerns about the</u> ingredients in any of the meals you can contact Chartwells Customer Care Line for advice. Please note that the meals are all nut free.

If you need to cancel your child's lunches due to illness please call Chartwells Customer Care Line on 01908 615705 each day of your child's absence. A credit note is issued from the second day of absence.

Please return orders by 9am on Tuesday for the following week. If possible please order for the whole half term.



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Chartwells will be holding a taster session for parents on the 8<sup>th</sup> September in the afternoon for you to come along and try some of the food that

is on offer. This will be a great opportunity to see the food available and to ask any questions as a member of Chartwells staff will be on hand to explain how the process works.

#### NURSERY PLACES

If you have younger children who you intend sending to our Nursery would you please let us know. It helps enormously with our planning if we know how many children we can expect.





# MAY BALL

Thank you to everyone who came to the May Ball or bought a raffle ticket. We managed to raise an incredible.



This money will now fund the mobile interactive whiteboard and will also hopefully fund some blackout blinds for the hall. An amazing achievement.

This has only been possible because of the fantastic help that we have had from some parents at school. We would like to thank Alexa and Esmond Roscoe and their family, Tracey and Steve Elcock, Dawn Hope, Simon Bristow, Rachel Tilbrook (and her cordless hoover), Claire Wood, James Handford, Sonia and Andy Bosley, Sarah O'Neill, Julie Bennett, Andy Kucharczyk, Sarah Miller, Lisa Machay, Mollie Hunter, Will Abbott, The Pistons, all the donors of raffle and gift tree prizes and the babysitters and waitresses of Twyford and surrounding villages. If we have forgotten anybody we apologise!

Thank you from Katie, Katherine, Rachel, Imogen, Denise and Corrina.

# NEXT MEETING Tuesday 24th May at 1.30pm at Twyford Village Stores.

We have made this meeting during the day to try and encourage more parents that cannot make evening meetings to come along. We will be discussing upcoming events and any new wishes. Please come along as we cannot keep raising money for the school if we don't have enough help!

## COFFEE MORNING



Please come along to the coffee morning for a chat and a cuppa. Hopefully someone will have had time to make a cake. Everyone is welcome.

#### WISH LIST

We will be discussing any new wishes at the next meeting.

# CREAM TEAS FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Thanks to Jo Faulkner-Harvey, Sarah Miller, Lisa Machay and Mollie Hunter for agreeing to take on this event. They are still after donations of cakes for the cake stall, so please help out



with this if you can. If you can help out on the day with setting up, washing up or clearing up please let the organising committee know.

The children will be providing entertainment from 2.15pm.

## SUMMER SIZZLER

# Friday 8th July

This is the biggest family event of the school year. Your entire family is welcome to come along



for food, drink and entertainment. Make sure the date is in your diary as this is a big fundraiser for your children's school.

# PTFA BLACKBOARD MOSAIC PROJECT \*\*\*\*\*WE NEED YOUR BROKEN TILES\*\*\*\*

We have a Cornish Ceramic Artist coming to school in June to help make a mosaic frame to surround the PTFA Blackboard and we hope that many of the children will have the opportunity to get involved in this project. What we need are donations of ceramic tiles, any colour will do but the more colourful the better. So if you have re-tiled your bathroom or kitchen recently and have some tiles left over then please bring them into school. There will be a box in reception for any donations.

#### THE GIVING MACHINE

Before you do any online shopping log on to **The Giving Machine website**, <u>www.thegivingmachine.co.uk</u> to support the PTFA.



This is a website that will make a

percentage donation to the PTFA for every purchase made through them. It takes 2 minutes to set up an account and then you can shop at your leisure at numerous high street websites such as Amazon, John Lewis, Next, Sainsbury's, Boden, Argos, Tesco, M&S and Boots. For example if you do an online food Tesco shop through The Giving Machine, Tesco will donate up to £4.25 the first time you do it. Please, please consider doing this as we could raise an incredible amount of money if everyone took part.



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	Open on the morning of:	Close at the end of the afternoon on:			
Summer Term 2016	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2016			
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2016			
	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2016			
Autumn Term 2016	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2016	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2016			
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Spring Term 2017	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017			
	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017			
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Summer Term 2018	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018			

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 5 Sports Tournament at Twyford
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	New	PTFA Meeting, 1.30pm at Twyford Village Stores
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	New	Mini Beast parade in Reception and Nursery
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May		School closes for Half Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June		School re-opens after Half Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 6 Sex and Relationships session
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June		Transfer Testing (11+) Meeting for Parents of Year 5, 7pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	New	Foundation (Reception and Nursery) Minibeast Roadshow
Wednesday 8th June		PCSO Hayley Morgan, CEOP talk with Year 6
Wednesday 8th June		PCSO Hayley Morgan, Stranger Danger Assembly
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June		Whole School Photograph
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 6 Tournament at Twyford
Friday 10th Tar		PTFA Cream Tea, Maypole Dancing and a Musical Performance from
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June		2.15pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Sports Day & Picnic - Recreation Ground, Twyford
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Collegiate Workshop
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 6 Leavers Photographs
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June		PTFA Blackboard Mosaic Project
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June		PTFA Blackboard Mosaic Project
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June		Tennis Coaching
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	New	Olympic Day with Padbury School
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June		KS1 Visit to Green Dragon Eco Farm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June		Year 6 Games at Waddesdon
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	New	Chartwells British Day Menu
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June		Tennis Coaching
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	New	School Nurse - Reception class vision checks.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June		Musical Extravaganza
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June		Lower Key Stage 2 Theatre Trip
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June		Grandparents Afternoon - Foundation (Nursery & Reception)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July		Small Schools Music Festival, Year 1 & 2 at Grendon Underwood
		School.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July		Tennis Coaching
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July		Upper Key Stage 2 Theatre Trip
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July		Roald Dahl Parade in Aylesbury



Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July		Chartwells American Day menu
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July		County Induction Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	New	Induction day for new Nursery children
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July		Meeting for parents of children entering Reception class in Sept 2016 - 7pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 5 Science Fair at Royal Latin School.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	New	Induction day for new Nursery children
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July		Tennis Coaching
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July		PTFA Summer Sizzler
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July		Children's Choice Week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July		Camp Out Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July		End of Year Celebration Service, St. Mary's Church 2pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July		Whole School Ramble
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July		Open Evening
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July		School closes for Summer Holiday at 1.30pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September		School re-opens after Summer Holiday
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	New	Chartwells Taster Session for Parents.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	New	Year 6Transfer Testing - Preparation test
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	New	Year 6 Transfer Testing - Transfer Test
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October		Individual School Photographs

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