

## PTA NEWS

♥ *"How Do You Spell Love?" asked Piglet 'You Don't Spell It, You Feel It,' said Pooh* ♥

As February brings promise of Spring and hopefully much less rain! Whitewater PTA has been busy planning some fun activities for the upcoming weeks and months. After a very productive PTA meeting in January we are also pleased to announce some exciting developments.

### Pond Refurbishment

The refurbishment on the dilapidated outdoor pond and surrounding area is going ahead in February. The work is being funded entirely by the PTA and will allow the area to be enjoyed by the children in time for the nicer weather.

Starting Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February (subject to weather conditions), the pond itself will be drained, cleaned out, relined and refilled with the same water and plants by a team of parent volunteers causing minimal stress and disturbance to any wildlife that call the pond home



We are also going to be re-felting the outdoor classroom roof, pressure washing the bridge, and fixing the broken fencing.

If you can help on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> please speak with Daniel Trill. (Anouk's dad - Class 1)

### Outdoor Learning Area

The outdoor learning area and woodland walk project which looks to vastly improve the area near Rabbit Class to promote outdoor learning has had some delays due to the approval process that the school must go through. As per Hampshire County Council's policy the area has been assessed by a council employee and the submission of an application form including lay diagrams of the intended changes is imminent. The council will then ask approved contractors to provide quotes to the school who can then arrange for the most suitable company to do the work.

We are hoping we will be able to get the work started within the next few months. We will of course keep you informed of the progress. A substantial amount of the PTA funds that you, the school and the children have raised are reserved for this project and we are all committed to achieving it.

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**Meeting Frequency** – We will now be having two PTA meetings a term rather than one. This allows the committee to gain more regular input and updates from the school and parents towards our common goals. It has been agreed that from now on there will be one PTA meeting including the school representatives and one with just parents/carers. The first PTA meeting for parents/carers only is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 0900. Venue TBC. Please do come along if you can.

**PTA Funding of small items** - we have provided the school with a form for the staff to submit on a monthly basis any requests for funding for part or full cost of smaller items that they may need for the benefit of the children. The PTA will review these requests and allocate funds as deemed appropriate to a maximum amount each year. We are hoping this will help facilitate some useful items or activities.

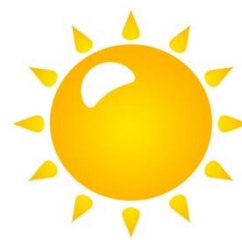
### Spring Ball 2020



The Popcorn and PJ nights went down really well, and we raised some money towards the preparation costs of the Ball! The 2 cookery clubs we are offering thanks to The Falcon are both fully booked already so we are in discussion with Lee to see if we can fit in anymore. After February half term we will be selling squares in the playground, for a chance to win two tickets to the ball and we will announce the lucky winners on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March when the official tickets will also go on sale. More information will be coming out soon about the Breakfast Club and the Break the Rules Day which are happening in March.

## Summer Fair Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June

This year's Summer Fair theme is the Olympics! This is one of our biggest fundraisers and an event the children all really look forward to. The event itself is relatively straightforward to plan, however, to ensure that the event runs safely and successfully we do need support and volunteers. We would love for anyone interested in helping with the organisation of the event to join us for our first planning meeting on **Friday 28th February at 9am at The Falcon** or if you are unable to attend but would like to be involved in some way then please let Heather Trill (Anouk's Mum – Class 1) know either in person or email [heather.trill@hotmail.com](mailto:heather.trill@hotmail.com)



**Rabbit Class' Fashion Fundraiser** in conjunction with boutique clothing store 'Solo Mia' is taking place **this Thursday from 7-9pm at Heckfield Memorial Hall**. Along with the catwalk show we have some local beauty, health and pampering businesses attending and a raffle for some amazing prizes.



Tickets £8 including entry, class of Prosecco and one entry into the raffle. Tickets can be purchased via [whitewaterpta@gmail.com](mailto:whitewaterpta@gmail.com) or after school Wednesday at our stall.

Please note that the bar, raffle and some stalls on the night will be cash only.

## **THE BIG BREAKFAST THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 8AM**



Save the date for the return of 'The Big Breakfast'. On the menu will be pancakes and toppings, sausage/bacon baps, tea, filter coffee and fruit juice.

This is not a drop-off club but the opportunity for grown-ups and children to sit down and enjoy a yummy breakfast together. Children must be accompanied by an adult(s) which could be a relative, neighbour or friend. All proceeds will go to the PTA. Look out for posters and pre-order forms over the next few weeks!

## **CAKE SALE**

On **Thursday 13th February** we will be holding a cake sale from 3-4pm during the Celebration of Learning so join us for an end of term treat or grab something yummy for your Valentine!

If there are any keen bakers out there, then cake donations would be very gratefully received! Please let Heather Trill know if you can donate.

## **The 100 Club - support our school with the opportunity to win prize money! Did you know that it helps the school to buy books?**

The 100 club is a ticket based lottery within our school. Just **£12** will buy you a 6 month ticket to be entered into the monthly draw. £6 of your money goes straight to the school to be spent on books for the library (a six month subscription buys roughly 1-2 books, although it can be more depending on the type of book), and the other £6 goes into the prize fund. Each month there is prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.



Current prize money is £16 for 1st place, £9.60 for 2nd place and £6.40 for 3rd place. Of course, the more people who join the 100 club, the more the prize money will be. Keep an eye out for the subscription letter which will be in book bags in March. For more information contact Kelly Pearce or a member or the PTA.

### **Congratulations to January's Winners**

- 1<sup>st</sup>. No 22. James Holmes a Court**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. No 21. Marcus Fincham**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>. No 20. Theresa Saunders**

## What's On

<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>7-9pm</b>	<b>Rabbit Class (1) Fashion Fundraiser, Heckfield Mem. Hall</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>3-4pm</b>	<b>Cake Sale and Second Hand Uniform Sale</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>The Big Breakfast</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>3.30-5pm</b>	<b>Cookery Club, The Falcon</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Summer Fair Planning Meeting, The Falcon</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>PTA (Parents/Carers) Meeting – Venue TBC</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>3.30-5pm</b>	<b>Cookery Club, The Falcon</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>5.30-7pm</b>	<b>Bunny Hop Disco, School Hall</b>

And don't forget our Party Box which is available to hire for £5! Contact us for if you would like to reserve them!

Have a great month and hope to see you at the PTA meeting next month.

