

Dear All,

Working in a school has made me realise just how little schools get to buy non essential items and what an important part the PTA fundraising plays in buying resources for our children. Over the last few years the PTA at Ibstone has funded brand new playground markings, new furniture and rugs for all classrooms, IT equipment, outdoor bikes and scooters and library books to name a few. Along with these the PTA also subsidises the Christmas Theatre trip - the list really does go on and on.

Now the new classrooms are finished and the children have moved in we can see all the hard work and time that Mrs Long, Staff & Governors have invested in the future of the school. They look fabulous. The PTA managed to buy all the new tables and chairs for these new classrooms. This has now left us with a lot of fundraising to do to ensure that the remaining classrooms get the same. I appreciate that time to all of us is precious and as we are such a small school we don't have events on all the time to avoid people feeling like they are constantly at school! This does mean that the events we do put on need to be supported. We have a couple of big events coming up, both giving us a chance to raise much needed funds but we do need your time to help ensure these events can go ahead.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Family Disco on 1st March, it was a really lovely evening and raised a huge £483 for the school!

Our Fundraising

Ibstone Circle 28th April

This event is an annual event, set be one of the biggest fundraising events in the school calendar. The school receives every penny from the Ibstone Circle and as this is an event that raises funds from outside the school community, it means parents aren't being asked to dig in to their pockets, just to volunteer some time. It is also a great promotional event too so people can see how amazing our school is!

If you can spare time on the Saturday to help set up the marquees or on the Sunday to help Mrs Robertson run the cafe or marshal on the course, please can you let school know as soon as possible.

Marlow May Fayre 11th May

This annual event is not only a good family day out with so much for you and the children to do, but was a fun day for all of us participating last year! We need some help for the following:

Friday Night 10th May - Help load up the marquee at The Randall's house (Lane End)

<u>Saturday morning 11th May</u> – Help to put up the marquee at Higginson Park at 7.30am (those who helped at Ibstone Circle must be experts, will take no time!?!)

<u>Saturday from 11am-4pm</u> – If you can spare an hour of your time during the day to help at the Tea Tent can you let me know (I will send a schedule out nearer the date to make sure we have enough cover)

Saturday 4pm/4.30pm – help to clear up, pack away and take down the Marquee

100 Club

If every family at Ibstone School joined the 100 club we would raise £1500 a year, minimal effort- great return! Please rope in Teachers, Staff, Governors, Grandparents, Neighbours, Aunts, Uncles, Godparents — anyone you can. We have a lot of numbers left at the moment so please try and get someone from your family to join if you haven't already. The 100 club is an ongoing fundraiser so will be open for new participants until all 100 numbers are taken — if we manage to get all 100 numbers taken we will raise over £5000 for the school, in just one year, imagine that (The form is on the school website if anyone needs a copy - under PTA).

Congratulations to our first 100 Club winners! We hope you enjoy your winnings!

If you aren't able to commit to volunteering time, we know people lead very busy lives, then there are always other ways to help or if you wish to just make a monetary contribution instead please do, all donations are gratefully received.

As ever thank you for all your continued support of the PTA, but the coiffers are empty and the next round of fundraising continues with a pop up café on Friday 29th March after school...

Bex and All at PTA

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