



## RAF BENSON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 4 EASTER 2018

### Message from the Chair

**WELCOME** to the fourth edition of the PTA Newsletter. On behalf of myself and the committee, we hope that you all had a good Easter break.

We had an exciting start to 2018 by supporting our choir at the Young Voices concert in Birmingham, it was a spectacular event. We then enjoyed a very profitable half term disco and were pleased to support the annual Cross Country race as well as a few Easter activities towards the end of term. Thank you for your support to these events.

We hope you find our newsletter useful and informative and we look forward to seeing you at our events over the next few months.

**Caroline Dainty**

### Last term's spends



Following lots of fundraising over the last two terms we have been out on a shopping spree! Here's what we have spent the money on so far:

**Christmas Puppet show** – at the end of last term we were able to fund the puppet show for the whole school. In previous years parents have been asked to contribute for this performance to go ahead, but due to the amazing amount raised at the Christmas Fair the PTA were able to cover the cost.

**Personalised book tokens** – £10 vouchers awarded to each year groups most avid readers.

**A new stereo and outdoor speaker** – to improve outdoor communication during school events.

**RAF 100 Pottery project** – each child will make an item of pottery to celebrate 100 years of the RAF and these will be displayed within school. Following the display children will be able to take their pottery home.

**Coach for Young Voices** – on 9<sup>th</sup> January the PTA paid for the coach which transported the children to the Young Voices concert in Birmingham. Our choir sang with over 6,000 other children to create a singing spectacular. A great time was had by all involved including the parents who were able to go and watch! You can find a live video on the PTA Facebook page.

**Cross Country Medals** – the PTA support the annual John William Stacey Memorial Race by purchasing the winner and runners up medals as well as running a refreshment stall on the day.

**Easter Eggs** – prizes for the whole school Easter bonnet and egg decorating competitions.

## **Last term's success**

It has been a quieter term but thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising events so far. The events have been a great success and we have managed to raise the following:

Bingo - £120

Half Term Disco - £395

We also sold refreshments at the Year 3 and 4 Easter Play on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

We sold refreshments at the Cross Country Race totalling a fabulous £450

**A TOTAL OF £960 – THANK YOU!**

## **Upcoming events**

Next term we will be looking to run another Bingo evening, a Quiz night and the annual Summer Fair will take place on **Saturday 23rd June**. Tickets will be available for the summer raffle around May half term, with some great prizes up for grabs!

Event dates will be published on the school calendar, the [PTA pages](#) and [Facebook](#).

If you have an idea of any fundraising events, please do get in touch either via the Facebook page or come along to one of the meetings.

## **Help our school by shopping online!**

If you're an online shopper, we would love you to use our web link:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rafbensonsch](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rafbensonsch) to generate extra cash for the school.

Following registration, just head to the easy fundraising website each time you're shopping online. Once you have selected one of the 3000+ retailers, you shop as normal! They send a percentage of the amount spent through to the PTA - easy! Further details are on the PTA section of the school website.

## **Bouncy Castle hire**

A fantastic addition for any party or event and as a bonus it raises funds for the PTA at the same time! The cost is £25 per hire, terms and conditions apply. For further details or enquiries, email [bouncycastle@raf-benson.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:bouncycastle@raf-benson.oxon.sch.uk) or message Amy Laker on Facebook.

## **Can you offer your support?**

We are in need of volunteers to help at all of our fundraising events and we would love to have more parents attending the meetings.

If you can spare a couple of hours for a meeting, are willing to help at an event or in preparation of an event please do get in touch. We can't do it without you!

Event meetings are advertised on the [PTA pages](#), [Facebook](#) and through the school App.