

RAF Benson School PTA newsletter

WELCOME to the first edition of our PTA Newsletter! In each termly edition, you will be able to find out what's going on and how you can help us. Many of you will already know, the PTA bring our teachers, parents and local community together to raise money for our school. These funds are used to buy things that further enrich our children's education. Together, we support and organise activities and social events which are often enjoyed by both the school and local community. Whether it's our annual Summer or Christmas Fair, a school disco, a bake sale or a bingo evening, the team are working hard to make sure it's fun for all as well as being great opportunity to fundraise for the school. If you would like to be involved or have ideas you'd like to share, we welcome all parents to our 'Event meetings' which you can find advertised on our Facebook page 'RAF Benson Community Primary School PTA' or on the school website.



Due to the nature of military life, sadly we have to say thank you and goodbye to Ju Hone! Ju has been a big part of the committee for the last 18 months, providing support in coordinating events, sourcing amazing prizes and organising the stock cupboard amongst many things! We would like to wish the Hone family lots of luck in their new posting – there is another PTA out there very lucky to be receiving you.

SPRING TERM

We would like to thank you all for your support. With your help, we raised **£777.67** last term! This includes;

- **£288.18** from the Valentines disco
- **£185.24** from the bingo evening
- **£265.50** from the cross country refreshment stall

Together with money in the bank account, we purchased prizes for the Easter bonnet parade, trophies for the Cross Country end of year awards and a new bouncy castle. This term, KS2 enjoyed a dance workshop and KS1's treat will be just as exciting later in the term. As always, we welcome ideas and suggestions of what you think the funds would be well spent on. You can do this by coming along to an Event meeting, speaking to a member of the PTA or by emailing PTA@raf-benson.oxon.sch.uk



BINGO

"Friday night and our eyes were down low,
Our school hall was the place to gooooo,
drinks with friends and good (?!) music,
laughing and dabbing
all in the mood for a win..."

Thank you to all who have supported our community Bingo events over the last term!

They have been very popular evenings with prizes a plenty and a hall full of new and familiar faces. With unrivalled bingo calling from Mr Thorpe, and more recently Leanne Minns, and glamorous assistants Mrs

Thorpe and Caroline Dainty and Suzy Mackay, the evenings have been enjoyable and successful nights! Lots of happy bingo-ers left the hall with winnings of chocolate, wine and cash prizes (especially the £60 bonus prize winner!) and due to popular demand, we are excited to be planning next Community Bingo events for the next school year - we hope to see lots of you for more fun-filled nights of dabbing and prizes!

SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 24th June saw our best Summer Fair yet, with a fantastic turn out, an exciting collaboration between the Benson Military Wives Choir and the school choir, a visit from a Puma and a whopping 65-prize-affle! A massive thank you goes out to everyone involved, from the planning to the raffle sponsors and the volunteers on the day. Together, we raised a staggering

£1848.77 at the last count!

A fantastic total for a fantastic day enjoyed by all.



BOUNCY CASTLE

We have a brand new Bouncy Castle available for hire! At just £25 per day, it's a fantastic addition to your events and parties on camp and raises funds for the PTA at the same time. For further details or enquiries, email bouncycastle@raf-benson.oxon.sch.uk

ICE CREAM FRIDAYS

Another annual firm favourite is back! The popular PTA 'Ice Cream Fridays' have been running on the 4 Fridays of term! We have had a selection of ice creams and lollies being sold at bargain prices from the staff room hatch by the hall from 3pm. We have just one more this week and look forward to seeing you there!

Where do PTA Funds Go?

All our events throughout the year rely on parent volunteers to help out. If you would like to be involved or can spare some time then please let us know. Whether it's regularly or just the odd hour here and there, we love to welcome new faces onto the team! Details of upcoming Event meetings and What's On can be found on the school website, the week ahead emails and on the 'RAF Benson Community Primary School PTA' Facebook page.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events in the new school year.

Other projects we have funded during the year:



Cross Country Medals



Top-up of the Scrapstore Playpod