



Welcome to our BRAND NEW PTFA!

Oh no! Not another letter asking me to donate money / bake a cake / sponsor a bounce (groan, sigh, yawn...)!? **BUT SERIOUSLY**, if you're interested in helping to raise extra funding to support **YOUR CHILDRENS'** education, then look no further!

We are newly formed & **RARING** to go, but **NEED YOUR SUPPORT**.

Last year we **raised** nearly **£9,000** which contributed to coach hire, iPads, the wildlife area, football kit, visiting Theatre Groups & much more. Let's see if we can raise even more this year to help improve our outdoor space (starting soon). Already this year, the PTFA have agreed to donate **£6,000** to the outdoor space & play equipment and we are applying for grants to help with this too. As your newly appointed 'shared chair' we will aim to keep you informed of how we spend **YOUR** money.

How You Can Help



We are down several longstanding PTFA helpers and committee members whose children have left the school, & so we are looking to recruit new members.

Joining the PTFA can involve as much or as little commitment as **you** want - anything from attending meeting once per half term to helping at events or "behind the scenes" support such as making poster, banners etc.

Of course, we would love you all to sign up (including Grandparents, friends, pets!) but appreciate that many of you are not able to commit. This is why last year we set up our great "**PTFA Helpers**" list, without whom we could not have put on all the events we did last year. These are people who are happy to help out, however infrequently. Your name is placed on an email list & you are contacted if we need help with events, organising etc, but you have absolutely no obligation.

Simply let any of us or Mrs Hanson know if you would like to be included in the "PTFA Helpers".

Current PTFA Helpers

- **Adi Alony-Gilboa:** Roy, Acers
- **Melissa Arnold:** Harley & Mackenzie, Acers
- **Kirsty Baird:** Logan, Willows
- **Jo Belbahi:** Dylan, Acers
- **Sarah Blake:** Anna, Willows
- **Clare Brace:** Kit, Oaks
- **Abi Rudd:** Finn, Chestnuts
- **Christine Downie:** Archie, Ash
- **Izette Hall:** grandmother to Adam, Acers
- **Nicola Hall:** Adam, Acers
- **Sharon Jones:** Albie, Ash
- **Hayley Penfold:** Georgina, Ash
- **Fiona Perez:** Isabella, Acers
- **Cassie Trim:** Jack, Willows

Any ideas please? We are always up for new fundraising events. Please don't sit on your ideas, we'd love to hear them!





Well done to Oaks who have started off the ever popular (with the kids) **CAKE SALES**, raising **£72.05**. **ACORNS**, it's your turn on **Friday 16th October**. Planning is in progress for a KS2 Disco, Christmas cards, **THE** Christmas party, Christmas raffles, a Sponsored Walk, a Movies & Munchies event & Fill a Smarties Tube with Silver & Gold.... yes, it's new, it's fun but you'll have to wait & see to find out more!

And finally..... **SHOPPING**. Yes, something you can all help us with!

This is a really **easy & free** way to donate to the school. www.thegivingmachine.co.uk is a web site with all your favourite shops - Amazon, Next, Boden, Boots several supermarkets chains & many, many, more - They regularly get more stores on board so if you haven't checked it out recently take the time to take another look. The Giving Machine take a small % of what you spend & give it to the school - **AT NO COST TO YOU**. *Sorry? What was that? How can I do this for you? We are so glad you asked, it really could not be easier*

1. Save the web site to your favourites & go to the home page
2. Click on 'join', select 'giver' (*oh err missus*) & complete a few details
3. Each time you shop login to 'thegivingmachine' site first, search for the store you are buying from & it will take you to their online website just the same as usual, except our school will benefit each time you do.

James & I (Hannah) use it so it must be easy! Go on, give it a go & don't forget to get your husband, wife, partner, grandparents, friends, neighbour, aunties & uncles using it too! And don't worry, the school just gets the cash once a quarter – there's no, "*oooh look at what Mrs Maley spent*"!!!!

Feel free to contact us whichever way you prefer: phone, email, letter, morse code(!) For now, it's **"GOOD BYE" FROM THE FOUR LEGS OF YOUR NEW 'SHARED CHAIR'!**

- **Hannah Rigler**: JJ, Acers - 07887 397733 / hannahmirigler@gmail.com
- **Emma Smith**: Caitlin, Chestnuts - 07789 058166 / schmemmbo_1@yahoo.co.uk
- **Susannah de Ferry Foster**: Harry & Freddy, Oaks & Acers - 07979 806146 / slideff@btinternet.com
- **Lisa Drudge**: Annabel & Ollie, Oaks & Chestnuts – 07747 464002 / lisadrudge@hotmail.com



Please join the school **FACEBOOK** page: "**SNSCO Mums and Dad's**" - just ask any of us to invite you to join.

Don't forget the School website: childokeford.dorset.sch.uk and you can see this letter & much more there too.