



## Birch Copse School PTA - Newsletter

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter keeping Birch Copse parents up to date with all the fundraising activities the PTA have been busy organising along with how much money has been raised for 2016.

We have had another successful year of fundraising, by the end of the school year we will have raised over **£18,000!**

This has only been possible with the help and generosity of the parents, carers and staff at the school as well as the members and 'friends' of the PTA. A huge thank you to everyone involved.

The money raised is being spent on new laptops, digital cameras, a wildlife area and library books and other supplies. This is in addition to funding traditional items and events such as Themed Week, The Life Education Bus, Year 6 Leavers Books, Ice Lollies and Squash for all the children on Sports Day and classroom floats for the teachers.

### Successful events held this year, include

- School Discos
- Quiz and Chips Night
- Christmas Fair
- Tea Towels designed by the children
- Easter Raffle
- Summer Fair
- Christmas Cards designed by the children
- Discounted tickets to both Reading Football and London Irish Home Games
- Friday Ice Cream Sale on Fridays during the summer term

### The PTA have also organised;

- A Leavers Book for each Year 6 child. These are presented to the children on the last day of term during the Leavers Assembly.
- Live Uniform Shops
- The recording of School productions and transferred on DVD.

### Dates for your diary

- AGM - 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016
- Rags2Riches - 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### Can you help?

If you would like to help at events, join the PTA or simply be a 'friend' of the PTA then please get in contact. [chair@birchcopsepta.org.uk](mailto:chair@birchcopsepta.org.uk) or [info@birchcopse.org.uk](mailto:info@birchcopse.org.uk)

### Can you help?

The PTA will be going through some big changes in September with the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer stepping down to hand over the reins to other parent.

Come along to the **AGM on 4th October at 7.30pm in the School Hall** to see how you can get involved.

### Summer Fair

This year's Summer Fair included a circus with two non-animal shows in a big top featuring Juggling, Magic and Acrobatics was a great success. The Fair also included a BBQ, Beer tent and traditional Fair games. This year the Summer Fair raised an amazing £4,600.



### Ice Cream Fridays

After last year's success, we have been selling ice creams on Fridays after school since half term. We have raised just over £400.

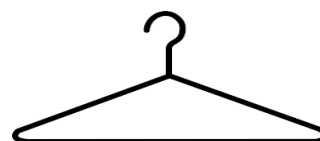


### School Discos

We have held the ever popular school discos again this year for years 1-6. We have raised just under £3,000 from the 3 discos we have held, along with £220 for the Foundation Disco.

### Rags2riches

We had a collection of unwanted clothing in May which raised £77. Thank you to everyone that donated clothing.



### Uniform Shop

We have run the uniform shop throughout the year, with the help of a new team of volunteers. We have also held 4 'live' uniform shops including a live shop at the new parents evening.



**54th AGM**  
**Of**  
**Birch Copse School PTA**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**at 7.30pm**

**in the School Hall**

**Please come along and support the PTA**

**Everyone that attends will be entered into  
a raffle to win a £25 Oracle voucher.**

**Wine and non-alcoholic beverages will be  
provided**