

# BEER PTFA NEWSLETTER



## Issue No.3 November 2016

### Dear Parents

Welcome to our Autumn term PTFA newsletter. We started the term with a Coffee and Croissant morning which was very well attended. It was good to meet some of the parents who are new to the school.

Since then, the committee members have been working hard on our Christmas Fete which will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. More details can be found on page 2.

We need some help in the run up to Christmas to make our events a success. Please see page 3 for how you can help us by baking, donating gifts for our hampers and serving Christmas dinners!

### Did you know?

All parents with children at Beer C of E Primary School are automatically members of the PTFA. This means that you all have a voice when it comes to the events we organise and how we spend the monies raised. If you have any ideas about either of these topics then please come along to one of our meetings or have a chat with any of our committee members. You can also contact us through our Facebook page or leave a message with school reception.

Details of our recent fundraising events and spending can be found on page 4.

PTFA Committee:

Chair – Sam Priestley

Secretary – Mel Adkin

Treasurer – Becky Fowler

### Upcoming events summary

**Christmas Fete**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2-4pm

**PTFA Non-uniform day**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**OAP Christmas Dinner**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**School Christmas Performance - matinee**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

**School Christmas Performance - evening**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm

**Theatre visit to school**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - morning

## Christmas Fete

We have just over 1 week to go until the School Christmas Fete, the posters are up! Thank you to Alex Baldwin for the artwork and Harris Lets for printing them. If anyone wants to run a stall or help in anyway please let us know.

It looks like it will be a really fun afternoon, as well as a sweet treats stall and games, we have activities for children such as...

- Face Painting
- Glitter tattoos
- Decorate a gingerbread man
- Printing
- Make your own magic reindeer food

For the adults we have...

- Vintage Gifts
- Handmade crafts,
- Christmas Stationary from Phoenix Trading,
- Christmas hamper raffle – donated by Phil Arbourne
- Books from the Owl & Pyramid
- Handmade cards
- Guess the name of the Turkey – prize voucher donated by Colyford Butchers

There will also be a festive tea room with lots of homemade cakes (we hope, see page 3), the school choir will be performing Christmas Carols and further musical entertainment will be provided by the school Ukulele Club

This event was a HUGE success last year in terms of money raised and the enjoyment of all those who attended so PLEASE, please come along and bring your friends and family. Everyone is welcome!

## How can you help?

### OAP Christmas lunch

Each year the PTFA help the Beer WI by cooking the Christmas lunch for their OAP Christmas party. Some of the Year 6 children help out by waiting on the tables and the meal is followed by the dress rehearsal of the school's Christmas performance. This year's Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The PTFA need some extra hands in the kitchen to help serve up all the sprouts. It really is a fun and festive event and as an added bonus you will get a sneaky preview of the children's Christmas play. If you can spare an hour or two to help out from 12pm, please let us know.

### Beer Bake Off

We need cakes and tray bakes to sell at the Christmas Fete. If there are any budding Mary Berrys or Paul Hollywoods out there then please get in touch or just bring your cakes to the school reception on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.



### PTFA Non-uniform day



The school has kindly agreed to a PTFA non-uniform day on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. In return for your child being able to wear their own clothes we are asking for a donation for the Christmas hampers that will form the raffle prizes at the school Christmas play performances. Last year's hampers were amazing and proved very popular with a record breaking £320+ raised. We are therefore sticking with the same themes and asking for donations of chocolate based gifts or a pamper item eg. hand cream, bubble bath, nail varnish, scented candles etc.

## Recent events

September's 'Coffee and Croissant' morning was a big success with standing room only at one point. It was lovely to meet so many parents and future pupils for chats and laughs - we especially liked the idea of recreating the Nativity with one of our expectant Mums, an alpaca and an elephant!!?! In between the food and the giggles we managed to come up with several good ideas (not involving elephants) for this year's Christmas Fete.

*"I was a little scared of the PTFA as I assumed it would be full of pushy, scary mums but I was so wrong, the coffee morning was so friendly and a really good laugh with other chilled out mums who want to raise money for our school . And there was cake ;)"* – Louisa, new school parent

We plan to hold another Coffee and Croissant morning in January.

In July we ran a cake stall at the school's Sport's Day and held the Summer party. Again, a big "Thank you" to everyone who baked cakes or donated ingredients for the cake stall which raised over £300.



The Summer Party is not held to make a profit as the aim of this event is to celebrate all the children have achieved over the year and to say "Good-bye" to our year 6's. However, the bottle raffle did raise over £100.

## Recent spending

### **2015/2016**

During the 2015/16 school year the PTFA paid for:  
Transport to the Christmas plays the children attended in Exeter (£1000)  
Theatre workshops held in school (£250)  
The whole school trip to Paignton Zoo (£1000)  
6 new picnic benches for the playing fields (£860)

### **2016/17**

So far this year the PTFA is paying for:  
A children's theatre group to visit the school and perform Christmas plays (£600)  
An inflatable planetarium and workshop to visit the school (£410).