

BEER PTFA NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

Welcome to our Spring term PTFA newsletter. This term is a quiet one for our committee, which gives us chance to relax after our amazingly successful first Christmas fayre and our Christmas hamper raffles. These events raised over £1000 and we would like to thank you all for your support and generosity.

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 via our new email address:

PTFA@beer-ce-primary.devon. sch.uk

If you would like to know what has been discussed at previous meetings, then again, you can ask us, or you can find a copy of the minutes in the school office.

PTFA Committee:

Chair – Sam Priestley

Treasurer – Becky Fowler

Secretary – Mel Adkin

Beer Blazer – Kath Reed

Upcoming events summary

Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday 17th – Tuesday 22nd March

Beer Blazer

Sunday 8th May

PTFA Coffee & croissants

Thursday 14th April

PTFA Summer Party

Friday 15th July

(reserve date Wednesday 20th July)

Beer Blazer Sponsors Required

Are you, or do you know, a local business owner? This year the Beer Blazer is offering a sponsorship package for local businesses. For a minimum donation of £75 you will receive a banner with your company name and/or logo on. This will be placed on the start/finish line and you can keep it after the event. If you are interested in this, or would like to talk to us about other sponsorship packages, then please contact us via the school, Facebook page or PTFA email. More about the Beer Blazer on page 3.

Scholastic Book Fair

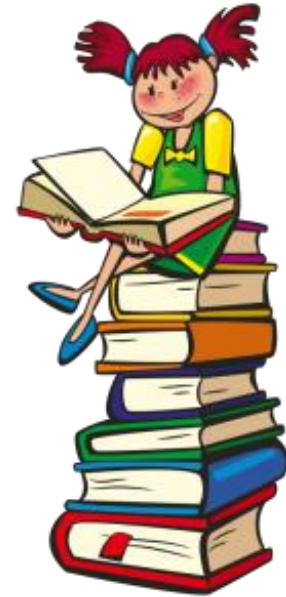
The Scholastic book fair comes to school later this week and will be open for business 8.30-9am and 3.30-4pm on Thursday 17th, Friday 18th and Monday 21st March and from 8.30-9am ONLY on Tuesday 22nd March.

We urgently need some volunteers to help run this. All that is required is taking the money and to document what is bought so that we can make the correct returns to Scholastic.

The book fair consists of educational, fiction and non-fiction books plus fun stationery all offered at discounted prices. The school will 'earn' books in return for us running the fair and the more books we sell, the more books the school will receive.

Please let us know if you can spare 30 minutes (or more) to help us run this event. You can leave your name and the time/day you can help at the school reception, as a message on our Facebook page or via our email:

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Coffee & Croissants

Can you help?

The PTFA are looking to replace 6 of the school's picnic benches. We have quotes from a local business and a national for £120+VAT and £100+VAT per bench respectively.

We would prefer to spend our money locally and would like to know if you, or someone you know, could supply us with benches at a comparable price.

If you can help us, then please get in touch via school, Facebook or email.

We have decided to trial run a coffee & croissant morning for all parents. Our first one will be after the Easter holidays on Thursday 14th April in the school hall after drop-off, 9-10am. As you can probably guess, we will provide teas, coffees and some croissants/pastries and we invite you to come along.

The aim is to provide an excuse for new parents to meet and not-so-new parents to have a chat. Pre-schoolers are welcome too.



Beer Blazer

Sunday 8th May 2016 - Race Start 10.30am

With just over 7 weeks to go until the Beer Blazer, planning for this event is well under way and race entries are now coming in. Entry Forms can be found on the School website.

WHAT IS THE BEER BLAZER?

For those of you new to the Beer Blazer this is the PTFA's main fund raiser for the school. It is arguably one of the toughest 10k runs in the area. Now in its fifth year it has become a popular community event.

The Blazer will take place on Sunday 8th May 2016, Race Start 10.30am, starting and finishing from Pecorama (top grass car park) with a 10k, 5k and 1 mile course.

Our main event is the 10k which is run over some of the Axe Valley Runners 'Grizzly' territory, covering fields, tracks, a challenging pebble beach, Beer Undercliffs, Hooken ('The Stairway to Heaven'), cliff tops, open common and has breathtaking views of the Jurassic Coast to take your mind off any tough bits!

The 5k option takes you over Beer Common (no beach, no Hooken).

The 1 mile fun run is for all the family and has proved extremely popular - last year 93 children entered.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

As with any event, we do need help from parents, family and friends to make this event run safely and smoothly. We are looking for volunteers for the following:

Course Marking: Saturday 7th May

RACE DAY

Race Marshals (x40 needed): To be located around the 10k, 5k and 1 mile courses ensuring the runners are going the right way.

Catering: To help cook the very popular bacon butties and make teas and coffees for runners and spectators.

Race Day Entries: Take entries and allocate race numbers on the day.

Back Markers (x2) 1 Mile Fun Run: To run at the back of the runners ensuring everyone gets around safely.

If you can help – Please email Katherine Reed katherineinbeer@gmail.com or give your details: Name and email/mobile number to the school office, PTFA Facebook page or PTFA email.

The Blazer won't take up all of your day; we are packed up and ready to go home by lunch time.

This year we are also offering sponsorship packages for local business. Further details can be found on page 1 of this newsletter.