

Chad Vale Parent and Teacher Association



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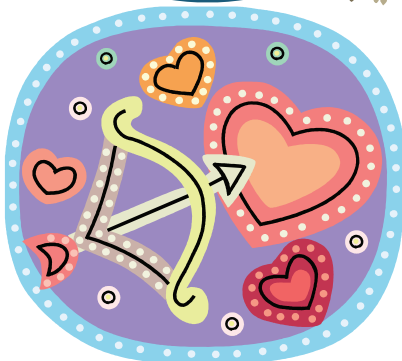
Welcome to the PTA!

Hello and welcome to Chad Vale's Parent and Teacher Association's very first newsletter! Each termly newsletter will give you the information that you need about our PTA- who we are, what we do and how you could help!

Chad Vale's PTA has been running for many years and is an association of parents and teacher volunteers who work together to assist the school in meeting its aims and objectives, both within and outside of the curriculum. As a fundraising body and registered charity we organise events for pupils and parents throughout the year, spending any profit on projects identified within the school and around the school site.

We also help to bridge the gap between parents and teachers, working together to best achieve our aims. We hold half-termly meetings lasting no more than an hour, where we discuss forthcoming events and plan our long-term spending strategy, putting our hard-earned cash to work! The PTA also acts as a 'Parent Council' where you can bring issues, ideas or compliments up for discussion. We are always looking for new ideas on how we can further strengthen our pupil, parent and teacher links.

Please take some time to read through this newsletter to see what the PTA has done in the past and what we have planned for the future!



Who are we?



Paul Sansom (Deputy Head)
Chair of PTA



Ruth Carless (Parent Y1)
Treasurer



Kathryn Williams
Publicity Secretary



Anita Morris
Fundraising

Halloween Disco Success

Our recent Halloween Disco raised over £310 for our fundraising account. Many thanks to those who 'dug deep' and bought tickets, Halloween goods or refreshments during the disco. Every penny of profit is used to benefit the children in ways that the school itself

often finds difficult.

The disco was organised after an hour long meeting of the PTA approximately a month before the event.

Why not get involved with organising a future event?



Why not join us for an informal chat about how you could get involved?

Monday 15th January 2007
9.00-10am Meet in entrance.

Next Full PTA Meeting: Friday 19th January 2007. All welcome!

Some of our previous successes...

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Valentine DISCO

Friday 10th February 2006



Dress as a Character
Donations collected for Dressing as a Character
Parents welcome to attend dressed as a character to avoid a fine!
Tea and Coffee available.

Key Stage 1 Disco: 1.30-2.30pm
Key Stage 2 Disco: 2.30-3.30pm

*Please bring party food for Class Party in the afternoon.
No crisps please! Samosas Available 50p each*

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Easter Fair



Featuring...
"Chad Vale Egglympics"
Design a Sporty Egg!

Stalls Galore, Inflatable Slide, Candy Floss
Lots of super prizes to be won!

Can you help?
We need...
*A selection of Jam Jars filled with treats
*Home-made cakes for the Cake Stall
*Items for the Class 'Easter Boxes'
*Easter Eggs for prizes
*Volunteers on the day to help with stalls.
Please contact Mrs. Edwards



Monday 3rd April 2006
3.00-5.00pm
Easter Hat and Cap Parade begins 3.00pm

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Christmas Fair



Lots to see and do...

- Football Tombola
- Samosas
- Balloons
- Face Painting
- Roll the Penny
- Penguin Treasure Hunt
- Christmas Book Sale
- Teddy Tombola
- Lucky Dip
- Adult's Tombola

and much, much more!

Monday, 5th December, 2005
3.30-5.30pm

Above is a selection of some of our recent events. We are always looking for ways to improve or change our 'normal programme' of activities. Suggestions from parents and children are very welcome! Please don't be afraid of approaching us in the playground with new ideas!

What we spend the money on:

- Portable PA system for Hall
- Adventure Playground on field
- Stage Lights/Sound system for hall
(coming soon!)
- Stage Carpeting (coming soon)

A parent writes...

The PTA at Chad Vale is really fortunate. We put on about 6-7 events a year and these are well attended by children with the parents' support. The staff are willing to join in with these and add considerably to the fun atmosphere.

The Deputy Head, Mr Sansom is the PTA Chair, and this shows the school's commitment to supporting us. We have managed to raise a significant amount of money to help fund projects such as the play equipment on the field and the hall will have a proper sound and lighting system soon.

Putting on these events requires some effort, and 'many hands make light work', so please say 'Yes!' if we approach you for some help! We try to make the meetings at a time when parents can attend, although this is not easy. They are child-friendly for younger siblings and Mr Sansom makes a lovely cup of tea.....!

Kathryn Williams

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WANTED

for Christmas Fair 2006





Your P.T.A needs YOU!

Can you help with any of the following...

- Items for Tombola and Lucky Dip
- Jars filled with sweets
- Gifts suitable for Mum's/Dad's
- Help with running stalls?

Friday 8th December
3.30-5.00pm

Please place gift items in box in entrance or contact Mr. Sansom for offers of help. Thank-you!

If you want to get involved speak to one of the people pictured overleaf, or contact Mr. Sansom directly on 0121 464 2827. You can also email at deputyhead@chadvale.bham.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing from you and thank-you for reading our first newsletter!

We are currently planning...The Christmas Fair