

PTA UPDATE: MARCH 2019

Thank you for all the time and money you have given already to support Ben Rhydding School. So, what do you need to know now? Well...

Upcoming Events and Help Needed

- **Nearly New Boutique, Thursday 11th April, 8pm**

We will be hosting a clothing sale for grown-ups, tickets £5, pay on the door (includes some fizz!). If you have had a clear out and would like to donate some high-quality clothes, shoes, handbags and accessories to raise money for school, now is your chance. If you donate 3 or more items, you will get a voucher to exchange for one free item at the event. Please drop off any donations at the office by Friday 5th April

What can I do? Donate Clothes by Friday 5th April and put the date in the diary

- **Easter Egg Raffle, Friday 12th April**

The Easter egg raffle, or Easter Egg Day as Jack calls it, is a big event for Ben Rhydding kids. We hope to have enough eggs for every child that takes part so please keep an eye out for special offers and consider buying one or two to donate. Drop off donations at the office for the children to ogle over. Raffle tickets will be in your book bags this week. Please buy a ticket (or 5!) and your child will be in with (a very healthy) chance of winning an egg, or two.

What can I do? Donate eggs, send raffle ticket stubs back to school and pay on ParentPay

- **Ilkley Carnival, Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May**

This is a great community event, where the children parade with other schools and community organisations. They will be in fancy dress, based on the Greatest Showman theme with each year group having a sub theme:

Reception – circus animals

Year 1 – strong women and men

Year 2 - trapeze artists

Year 3 - bright colours (ie. "brightest colours fill my head) & million dreams quotes

Year 4 - drummers drumming

Year 5 - acrobats/contortionists

Year 6 - big top and main secondary characters of show (e.g. bearded lady etc)

We will need help making the outfits and props during an art afternoon at school on **Thursday 11th April**. We ask £5 contribution from participating children to cover costs incurred in making the costumes and props. **Please pay on ParentPay by Friday 5th April**. You can, of course, donate money to help cover carnival costs, even if your child is unable to take part.

What can I do? Liase with your class Carnival rep about art afternoon on Thursday 11th April, pay £5 on ParentPay by Friday 5th April, and help out with making costumes

- **Spring Ball, Friday 17th May at the Rugby Club**

Oooh, I love a ball! The theme is Red Carpet glamour. Book the babysitter for Friday 17th May, start time 7pm, dinner at 7.45 and carriages at 12am. Tickets are £42 and should be paid through Parentpay. **We need all tickets paid for by the end of term, Friday 12th April** so that we know numbers. It will be at the Rugby Club. There are limited numbers and tickets are going fast so make sure you book in ASAP. Don't worry if you can't fill a whole table or if

you want to come on your own as seats will be allocated thoughtfully. See School Ping for full details.

What can I do? Buy a ticket on ParentPay by Friday 12th April and put the date in the diary

- **Raffle**

We will be having a luxury raffle at the ball and, if we have a surplus of prizes, we will have a summer raffle. If you or your business have any raffle prizes available, please let us know.

What can I do? Can you donate a raffle prize?

Please email me on PTAChair@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk or Facebook me if you want to get more involved.

Other Stuff...

- Second Hand Uniform

I have created a Facebook Marketplace page for people to buy and sell school uniform, kid's clothes and toys etc to other parents. The purpose will be to help raise money for school with a suggested donation of **50% of sale price to be given to PTA**. Search for "Ben Rhydding School Marketplace" on Facebook.

The donation after any sales can be made directly through ParentPay using the voluntary donation button and referring to "uniform sale" in the reference box. Alternatively, you can give the office a cheque made payable to "Ben Rhydding Primary School PTA".

- The Giving Maching

Don't forget to use The Giving Machine when buying online. You join for free and choose to support Ben Rhydding Primary School. Thousands of online shops will then pay a commission when you shop with them online (this includes Amazon, Play.com, John Lewis, eBay, thetrainline and Next). This commission is then converted into a donation for the school. So, please have a look www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/ben-rhydding-primary-school/ and start raising funds for free!

Why are we fundraising for school?

As you will have seen in the media, schools across the country are facing significant funding issues. This makes the fundraising efforts of the schools' families and friends all the more important. The money we raise will be invested in resources for our children and will be used for their benefit.

Our primary objective is to raise money to pay for 16 iPads, cases and a charging trolley so school can have a set for KS1 and KS2 to use. The projected cost for this is around £6,220 and we are going to focus our current fundraising efforts on meeting this target.

My email is PTAChair@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk. You can keep in touch with the PTA on Facebook and through your class reps. PTA news will also be updated regularly on the school website.

Many thanks

Hannah and your PTA