

## \*\*\*PTA UPDATE: MAY 2019\*\*\*

It's a bit of a long one but worth reading (if only for the discount offers!)

As you may 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. So how do we plan to do this and what can you do, well...

### What's coming up...

- **Film "Night" – Thursday 13th June, 3.15-5.30 pm.** Showing the Lego Movie 2, with refreshments for £3 so book your kids in ASAP. Kids will get a drink and a packet of crisps/popcorn.

**To do:** Buy tickets on ParentPay before Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June (so we have time to buy the right amount of refreshments)

- **Reception cake sale - Friday 14th June (sports day!).** Each year group runs a bun sale and the proceeds are matched by the PTA (up to £100) and spent on something that specifically benefits that class. The teachers choose what to spend the money on and below are this year's plans:

- Reception: Baby Chicks incubation kit;
- Year 1: Trip to Harlow Carr Gardens;
- Year 2: A reward trip in the summer term;
- Year 3: A reward trip in the summer term;
- Year 4: James Snook to teach cricket for the summer term;
- Year 5: A forest school day in the summer term; and
- Year 6: James Snook to teach cricket for the summer term.

- **Summer disco – Thursday 27th June.** Details to follow but probably following the usual routine of KS1 disco 5pm-6pm and KS2 6:15-7:15pm

**To do:** Keep a look out and buy tickets on ParentPay.

- **Summer fair, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1-3 pm (hopefully in the field opposite school).** A great event where year 6 get really involved. Bouncy castle, stalls and a BBQ. We will also be hosting our annual **Ben Rhydding Bolt** at the summer fair where children and grown-ups race around the field. This will start at 2pm, during the fair.

**To do:** If you are around and can volunteer some of your time then please, please, please do! The more people who help out, the easier this large event is to run. Each year group will have a stall and if anyone can man their own stall, we have lots of ideas but not enough people to run them! Of course, if you are a year 6 parent this may be the last time you can support your child's primary school!

We will be having a barbecue and you will need to pre-order and pay on ParentPay – keep a look out, you don't want to miss out on some delicious Furniss Butchers food!

### What have we been doing and how much money have we raised for school?

We had a fabulous **\*Ikley Carnival\*** entry and every year group put in so much time and effort to make Ben Rhydding's Greatest Showmen theme look amazing. I loved Janelle Hein's elephant, the fabulous costumes across the board and the amazing banners. Thanks everyone! If you haven't done already then please send any carnival expenses (with receipts) to Jeff Green, PTA Treasurer at PTATreasurer@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk.

The **\*Easter Egg raffle\*** was a triumph and expertly run to make it fair and fun for everyone taking part. It looks like **we have raised around £308** which is amazing! Thanks everyone!

The **\*Red Carpet Ball\*** was fabulous, well attended and very well organised by Sarah Turner and Emma Home, with a little help from me. We are still waiting for some external expenses before we can tally the final figures, but we will let you know.

We had a very successful **\*raffle\*** at the ball and it looked like **we have raised over £1,000**. Thanks to Helen Docherty and year 5 who helped get some of the fabulous raffle prizes.

There are a lot of individuals, in particular the class reps, who make these events happen. I don't plan to name them all here because I'm bound to miss off (or not know of) some who are deserving of thanks. I do want to say, however, that everyone who gives up time, effort and money to raise funds for the school is doing it for a great cause and should be proud!

### 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 minimum donation of 50% of the 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 money, or a cheque made payable to "Ben Rhydding Primary School PTA".

- **The Giving Maching**

I'm beginning to love this! No effort and it makes me feel a little less bad if I buy a load of stuff online! Basically, the Giving Machine pays our school money when we buy 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, 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/](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/ben-rhydding-primary-school/) and start raising funds for free! I recommend downloading their handy little app which automatically tells you how much commission each site pays school.

- **Donations and Sponsorship**

We have been so lucky this term to have some sizeable donations from families and businesses. Some ran their own fundraising event (like an Easter Egg Hunt – thanks family Hess!) or got donations instead of presents for their birthday (thanks Sally Kennedy! FYI - we

can set up a PTA donations site) and some gave a donation on behalf of a local business (thanks Wilkinson & Whitley Ltd and 21 The Grove Ilkley!). Of course, if anyone else is interested in doing something along these lines then feel free to contact me and see how the PTA Committee can support you ([PTAChair@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:PTAChair@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk)).

### How can you help the school?

We would love more people to get involved, so if you want to find out if it is something that suits you (you are in control of how much time you give!) then contact the school office or me on [PTAChair@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:PTAChair@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk). The more people we have, the easier it is to keep providing great events.

We have a general Facebook page at “**Ben Rhydding PTA**” intended to keep families updated as to PTA events. I have now set up another Facebook page at “**Ben Rhydding PTA Helping Hands**” to help communication between people when organising events. If you are keen to help out but don’t know where to start, join this page and see the camaraderie of the busy Mums, Dads, teachers and friends of the school who make stuff happen!

### OFFERS!

We had sponsorship of the Ball goody bag from lots of wonderful local companies and some of them provided offers that were available for all parents, not just those attending the ball. I have referred to them below:

- @KoolKidsUK – 15% off first order for the month of May.
- @tailsontailsilkley, professional dog walking service, will provide 2 half price walks for Ben Rhydding parents who mention the school ball!

Have a great half term everyone!

Many thanks

Hannah and your PTA

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