

PTA NEWSLETTER

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had enjoyable summers and that your children are looking forward to their next year at school.

AGM and welcome to new parents – Thursday 19th September at 3.30pm

We are having a get together for everyone after school. We would like to use this time to welcome the new parents from reception class (and any other new families who have joined us). This will be in the school hall at **3.30pm on Thursday 19th September.**

We are tying it in with our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and we would love it if you would come and join us to welcome our new families. There will, of course, be cake and biscuits (courtesy of Mr Hartford's kind thank you gift to the PTA).

I'll mention we do need lots of you to come to make sure we are legally quorate for the AGM (i.e. reach the required legal minimum of people attending the meeting). If we don't have enough people, it will have repercussions which may lead to paperwork for me (aagghh!) and more meetings to try and get people to come! So, if you can, please join us.

Kids are also very welcome, of course! In fact, if they have any good ideas for future PTA events, we would love to hear from them.

Cake!

Regarding cake, it looks like some fabulous children in Year 5 will be holding a fundraising cake sale on Thursday 19th September too. This pro-active step is to raise money for Olicanian cricket club, which, as you probably know, was destroyed in a devastating fire. It is great to see children using their initiative to support needy, local causes. I hope lots of people will support them (and then bring their cake into the hall for the AGM and get together to support the PTA 😊)

Class Reps

We have a great group of people volunteering their time as class representatives this year. Thanks, ladies! FYI, men are very welcome to take on the role, bear it in mind for next year. The class reps for this year are:

Reception: Catherine Crannigan

Year 4: Gillian Moffat

Year 1: Emma Home, Becca Middleton

Year 5: Rachel Chapman, Anna Hepworth

Year 2: Jo Quaife

Year 6: Juliet Green and Janelle Hein

Year 3: Gemma Pell, Katie Smithson

Volunteers - we need you!

We tend to run some well-established events throughout the school year. We have lots of people who help generally, but we do need a few more people to take a lead role in overseeing events. This doesn't mean you need to do everything. You just

need to be the person who has a general idea of what's going on and delegates tasks when necessary. We have loads of checklists, advice and support to offer so it really isn't that difficult, it just needs someone to say "Yes, I'll give it a go". **Could that someone be you?**

I am going to add a volunteer sign-up sheet at the school office for people to leave their details if they can help with being part of events. The main events that still need a lead person are listed below. If you could manage one (either on your own or as with a team), please get in touch:

- Film Nights for kids
- Easter egg raffle
- Summer fair (a long way off but I may as well mention it!)
- May Bank Holiday Carnival Parade

So, please get in touch with me on PTAChair@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk if you can help. Thanks!

How else can you help the school?

- **Second-hand Uniform**

We have 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 Machine**

Don't forget to use The Giving Machine when buying online. This has the potential to make a lot of money for school, particularly around Christmas time, and is so easy to use. 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.

Just think if we all joined up online at www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/ben-rhydding-primary-school/ and used it when ordering Christmas Presents, we'd raise loads of money for school! Win win!

Thanks for all your support!

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