

Layston First School PTA Newsletter

Forthcoming Events

15th June	Reception Year Cake Bake
2nd July	Layston Summer Ball at Bluntswood Hall, Throcking
8th July	Family Fun BBQ Evening
15th July	Sports Day
Dates for next term	
7th October	School Disco
2nd Nov	Phil-the-bag Textile Recycling
19th Nov	Christmas Fair

Welcome to the PTA Newsletter for the Summer Term 2011. It's our chance to keep you up-to-date on events and fundraising activities, to let you know what events are planned for the near future and let you know how funds have been spent.

This years events started off with the Year 2 cake bake, once again competing for the highly coveted Cup-cake trophy, followed by the Year 1 cake bake last month. Thank you to all the parents who donated cakes, £101 and £92 were raised respectively.

In February the PTA bought a Panto performance from Buntingford Dramatic Society, the event was a sell out and much fun was had by all who came to watch Hansel & Gretel. We raised over £300 and thank the Dramatic Society for all their hard work. Our planned school disco in February was replaced by a lively Salsa workout evening and we would like to thank Sadie Gurney for the donation of her time, expertise and boundless energy. Those able to attend enjoyed an energetic evening.

Heading towards Easter we held our annual Mad March Hair Day and raised £136 for Comic Relief. Many wonderful, wild and wacky hairstyles could be seen, thank you to all who took part. This was followed by the Easter Egg Tombola, an ever popular event with chocoholics young and old, and the Easter Hat and Mask competition. We had a superb array of creations on display and Rev. Hill certainly had his work cut out judging the winners, so much so that we had to award 2nd prizes too!!



Dates for next term



Some of the purchases we have made this term include a new set of 20 sports kits for our teams as they represent the school.. Comprising a bright yellow embroidered shirt and green shorts, Layston are sure to stand out at future events.

We are also very pleased to have purchased a smart new set of chairs and storage rack for the school hall. The chairs will provide more comfortable seating for future events and concerts and are stored away neatly and safely.



Summer Ball 2011 - 2nd July

The Layston Summer Ball 2011 will be on Saturday 2nd July at Bluntswood Hall, Throcking. Tickets are £40 each which includes music from string quartet, Fiddlestix, a three course hot meal, raffle and auction followed by dancing to the Highly Strung Band.


The Summer Ball in 2009 raised over £1300 for the school and it would be great if we could raise a similar sum again this year. If you would love a night out, as a couple, as a group or just by yourself, why not come along have enjoy a great evening.

Tickets are available at the stall in the playground after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or any other time from Steph or Debbie. We do hope you will be able to come.



Volunteers are often needed to help man stalls at our events. If you are able to help, even if only occasionally, we would love to know and are grateful for any offers.

Look out for details of our 'Phil' the Bag Textiles recycling days and help raise money for the school.



The PTA section of the school website has been updated. We hope to include our newsletters on the website for your future reference.

Contact details for the PTA are included and also photographs of some of the purchases we have made.

Why not take a look?

If you have an idea for a fundraising event or activity why not share it with us?

We would love to hear about any new events or initiatives you have seen.

Do you have any thoughts or ideas on what future funds could be spent on? What do you think would enhance the children's school experience?

Why not let us know?

Events continued after the Easter holidays with the School Disco on 28th April. The children had a wonderful time boogieing the night away, honing their break-dancing and body-popping skills and joining in the routines of well know tracks. The school discos are always very enjoyable for both the children and the PTA, Thank you to all who attended. The PTA had also been busy during the day setting up the street party for the children's Royal Wedding Celebration. It was lovely to see the traditional street party scene take shape with the bunting fluttering in a fairly breezy breeze!!

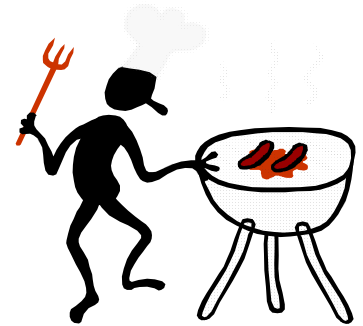
Our bi-annual Quiz Night took place in May and was very well attended. Thanks go to Debbie and Matt Taylor for once again organizing such a fabulous night. This time we had a new Quizmaster and thanks go to Damian Kennedy who stepped up to the challenge and did a marvelous job. Thank you to all who attended. The evening raised over £800. Our events continue through to the Summer holidays with the Reception class cake bake taking place on 15th June. If you are able to help serve on the day please let Nina Kingsley know, donations of cakes would be very welcome. Our next events are the Summer Ball at Bluntswood Hall on 2nd July (see details over), and our Family Fun BBQ Evening on Friday, 8th July (see below).



Our final event of this school year will be a refreshment stall at Sports Day on Friday, 15th July when we will be serving hot and cold drinks and homemade cakes.

Family Fun BBQ Evening Friday, 8th July 2011, 6-8 pm

With a BBQ, Beer tent, bouncy castles, stocks, football, plate smashing and much much more, the forthcoming Family fun night is sure to be fun for all the family. This event has replaced the annual Summer Fair and we have been very lucky that previous Fun Evenings have been very warm and sunny. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us again. As always with events if will be necessary to ask for help to man the various stalls for the night. A letter will be coming home in the next couple of days, if you are able to help, please complete and return the form at the bottom of the letter. We would appreciate any help you are able to offer.



Bring along your friends and family for a fun packed evening.

The PTA would like to say a big thank you to all parents, carers, staff and children who have supported our events over the last year.

Your help and support is very much appreciated.

An appeal for new members

The PTA always needs new members and we would really like to increase our numbers again. Joining the PTA can be fun, rewarding and a really good way to meet and get to know other parents. If you like helping, or would like to become more involved in making decisions on how the funds we raise can be spent, then why not join us. We meet once a month, usually on a Wednesday evening, in the staff room and would really welcome new input and fresh ideas and also welcome any feedback you are able to offer. Why not come along to our next meeting. We'd love to see you there.

If you are thinking of joining the PTA and would like to know more, please contact us or have a chat with me in the playground. Steph Strachan ~ PTA Chair