



# GOUDHURST & KILNDOWN

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent, Teacher & Friends Association

CHARITY NUMBER: 1028911

## Introduction

Welcome back to term 3. We hope you all had a relaxing Christmas break and are ready for the up and coming exciting events we have planned for the rest of this academic year.

## The PTFA Committee

At the start of each school year a new committee is formed, therefore if you are interested in taking on any roles within the PTFA please let the officers or your class rep know. We are particularly looking for people to take on the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasure from September 2015.

## What does the PTFA do?

The PTFA has three areas of activity: Fundraising, Supporting Parents and Community Links. We are a registered charity which means we have a governing document or Constitution which sets out our purpose and how we achieve it. We fundraise only for the school and the money we raise is invested in facilities and equipment to further the children's education. We do this in consultation with Mrs Roberts and all the teaching staff in line with the SIP (School Improvement Plan). We also provide money to enrich the children's education through class trips and workshops. We work closely with the school to help create effective parent partnerships and we network with our community groups and societies to identify projects where we can work together or where local individuals, groups or businesses can support the school, not necessarily financially but with a view to enriching the children's school day. Please look out for requests for help in the weekly newsletter.

## Support your PTFA

On the second Monday of every month we hold a meeting to discuss up and coming events, new ideas and generally keeping everyone informed of what the PTFA is doing. Everyone is welcome to attend and it is a good opportunity to learn more about what we do and raise money for. The next one will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm in 'The Vine'. We look forward to seeing you there. ©

## Officers & Class Reps

We now have a lovely group of class reps representing each of the classes. These are some of the things your

class rep will be doing for you during the course of the next term.:

- Organising social events for your class.
- Coordinating your class cake sale/ice cream sale.
- Keeping you posted about PTFA events and help needed.

## Officers

**Chair:** Louise Bushrod (louise.bushrod@sky.com)

**Secretary:** Natalie Lawson (parkesandflo@btinternet.com)

**Treasurer:** Jayne Russell (jaynemerry@btinternet.com)

## Class Rep's Name

R	Amy Kneller / Robin Weaver / Keeley Railton / Sarah Best
1	Natalie Lawson / Jemma Hughes
2	Sarah Newton / Caroline Hensey
3	Chris Brown / Ashley Wilson
4	Sharon Lewis / Jayne Russell
5	Nikki Sherwin / Nicola Storms
6	Louise Bushrod

## Get involved....please.....

The PTFA are a friendly group of volunteers and we welcome everyone who wants to get involved. However large or small amount of time you can offer. If you have any fundraising ideas or suggestion they would be gratefully received even if you don't have the time to organise them yourself. Please email [louise.bushrod@sky.com](mailto:louise.bushrod@sky.com) or leave a message or information at the school office for us.

## Christmas Fundraising

With many thanks for your continued support. We managed to raise a very impressive £3,740.32 from the Christmas Bazaar and late night shopping at St Mary's Church.

## How much have we raised and what are we spending it on?

The PTFA has raised £5,707.91 since September 2014, with a lot more events to come in the next few months. Our Eco kids and recycling bin has raised an amazing £499.88 so please keep your donations coming. Dragon boat racing, quiz night and the indoor boot fair raised £895.18. Other income has come from the Active Sports sponsored event, cake sales and donations. We currently have £17,598.19 in the bank.

By the end of January you will see changes in the playground. We are spending £6,077.57 purchasing a climbing wall, a clamberstack and several games tables. All chosen by the children and funded from £3,078.82 raised directly by them over the last three years, £337.99 from the Active Sports Event, and the rest funded from proceeds from the bazaar. We will be donating £1,500 towards a set of ipads for KS1, £2,000 is being spent on new flooring for the year 1 & 2 outdoor area (the space as you come through the school gates), £1,000 is being contributed towards the workshops (Wild at Art) for the quiet area in the playground which will see it transformed over the course of the year, £1,200 is set aside to assist with school trips across the school, (£200 per class), £4,000 is set aside for various outdoor learning spaces and equipment, including funding towards the new prayer garden and £350 is paying for a whole school music workshop. Other money is being held for year 6 leavers, year 5& 6 outdoor spaces, Healthy Schools and from cake sales which is yet to be spent. We also fund children's socials throughout the year and a number of other smaller projects. All money is spent in line with the school improvement plan (SIP) and in close consultation with Mrs Roberts and the staff. We hope you can see the benefit to your child's education our fundraising efforts make. Any questions regarding PTFA finances please contact Jayne Russell.

**Some of our up and coming events and involvement in the school calendar are:**

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January-	Coffee and cake in the Sunshine room (behind the library). Please join us.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January-	Year 5 cake sale.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February -	Whole school (KS1&KS2) Valentines Disco 5.30-7.00pm – Helpers needed
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February-	Non uniform day Donations for hook a bag. (small pocket money style toys or new unwanted presents)
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> February-	Indoor Bootfair 10-12pm. Help needed. Contact Ashley Wilson (YR1&YR3)
Date to be confirmed-	Race night – more details to follow.
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April-	10k run in association with 'Nicework' and 'Risebridge Health & Sports Club'. We are

looking for someone or a group of volunteers to oversee this event, attending two committee meetings - including recruiting volunteer marshals and serving refreshments on the day.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June-

Tennis Stack – We are looking for someone or a group of volunteers to coordinate with the tennis club and help with preparing refreshments on the day.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June-

Goudhurst Village Fete 12-4pm. We are looking for someone to attend monthly committee meetings and help coordinate the schools stalls for this event. Any suggestions for new stalls gratefully received.

Date to be confirmed-

Dads Cricket.

**Events waiting for dates to be confirmed:**

Eco Kids collection

Bike sale / swap

Parent's social/ball: looking for a team of friends who would like to organise this.

**Please support the PTFA from home by using:**

**Easy Fundraising:** Could you please support the school by logging onto 'easyfundraising.org.uk' and signing up to 'Goudhurst & Kilndown Primary School'. For every purchase through major shops a percentage is then sent to the school. £1,123.81 has been raised in this way since we signed up and we have 68 supporters, and hope to increase this in the coming year. It costs you nothing but time to add your name and think of a password and install a toolbar to remind you on your computer to donate when shopping online. With many thanks for your continued support.

**Yellow Moon:** If anyone purchases anything through 'Yellow Moon' could they please support the school by adding the code SGO1137 on checkout and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the school.

**Recycling bin at school:** Please continue to put any items of clothing, shoes, handbags etc into the bin to be recycled in support of the PTFA.