



Friends of Cheriton Bishop Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to our first Newsletter of new academic year!

Firstly, let me personally thank everyone who attended our AGM this week. Your PTFA will look very similar to last year with all members keeping their roles for another year.

Your PTFA officers for this year are:

Chair: Dee Studholme-Cote (me)

Vice Chair: Sophie Collins-Evans

Secretary: Anna Telling

Treasurer: Sammie Slocombe

We're all very aware how uncertain this year is going to be for the PTFA with many of our go-to fundraisers such as cake sales and discos no longer an option this year due to the Covid regulations.

We did however have a very optimistic discussion during the AGM about things we CAN do this year and I think we did a fantastic job of thinking outside of the box and coming up with some brilliant and safe fundraising ideas you might enjoy!

For example, we are hoping to bring in a half-term Pumpkin trail (which might be a welcome idea for those missing trick or treating this year). Keep an eye out for more information about all the events we are currently planning!

SCHOOL GROUND TIDY UP

As you returned to school, we hope you might have noticed a few little changes to our school grounds. A big thank you to all parents who came and helped tidy up the grounds prior to school opening. There has been a lot of time spent planting, cleaning, weeding and an enormous amount of painting!

A huge thank you to Gary Martin for donating two beautiful handmade wooden planters to replace the ones that were looking a bit derelict. Also thanks to Steve Cote for building a fab new Mud Kitchen for the reception outdoor area and Anna Telling for time spent painting.

THANKS TO OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF

Since normal classes ceased in March, our teachers have been working flat out to provide the best possible education for our kids. With no ending to the Covid crisis in sight, our teachers' work loads are still being stretched to their limits. Our school staff have gone above and beyond to ensure the safety of our kids and, by extension, us and our community during these uncertain times. The new school rules, while they may seem a burden at times, have been strategically implemented with herculean effort. With the school year very uncertain, and the worry of another stint of home-learning ever-looming, our teachers are also planning extensively for worst-case scenarios in terms of ongoing education. On behalf of the PTFA, we would like to extend a HUGE thank you and our appreciation to Mrs. Waterman and all the teacher's and staff for all their hard work this year!! We cannot thank you enough for all you have done and continue to do for our kids and for us.

HELPER LIST AND SUGGESTIONS

We know that many parents would love to help with the PTFA but are restricted due to work commitments etc.

I keep separate email list of parents and carers who cannot commit to the committee but would like to help at events where possible. If you feel you would like to be put on this list and are not already please email me and let me know. (The same applies if you are on the list and would like off!)

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Your opinions and ideas are more important than ever this year as we struggle through uncharted waters this year. Please feel free to contact the PTFA email with any suggestions, concerns or just comments! We welcome hearing from you!

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As I said, we're not entirely certain what this school year has in store for any of us but we are taking things one step at a time and hoping for the very best!

Do keep an eye out for any events and fundraisers we are offering this year. As is with most things lately, our ideas may seem out of the ordinary but we need your support more than ever right now!

Thanks so much!

Dee

*on behalf of **PTFA***