

Kilmington Primary School
Parent Teachers & Friends Association

September 2008

Dear Parents,

Yikes, I only went along as it was a night out (I don't get out much) and a glass of wine and nibbles were going free! And now, I am the Queen Bee of the PTFA. The new Chairman (oops, person). My name is Kathy and I have two boys - Harry and Jamie who are in years 6 and 5 (where did that time go?!) So, what is the PTFA?

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A group of people including parents, teachers and friends of the school who help to organise events, both fundraising and social.

What are the aims of Kilmington PTFA?

To raise funds to buy things that will benefit the children, that the school could not otherwise afford, to organise social events for children, for parents and their friends, to foster community relationships at Kilmington Primary School.

Who can belong to the PTFA?

Anyone who has children at the school or works at the school is automatically a member of the PTFA.

How can we find out more?

Each year in September there is an Annual General Meeting to which all parents and staff are invited. This is a good way of meeting people for the first time and hearing about the PTFA achievements and plans.

Committee meetings are held roughly every 6 weeks during term time. You don't need to be a member to help out.

Planning & Organisation

In the informal atmosphere, the committee openly discuss activities and generate new ideas. Kilmington Primary School PTFA has a remarkable record when it comes to fundraising.

Past and Present Events include:

- Quiz nights
- Axe Vale & Kilmington Shows Fundraising tent
- Easter egg Bingo
- Maypole afternoon cream teas
- Jumble sales
- Raffles
- Christmas Hamper Grand Raffle

Purchases include:

- Computer equipment
- Technology equipment
- French Tuition
- Cameras

Christmas theatre donation

At the AGM there were newly elected faces for the "jobs", a new vice chairperson, a treasurer and a Secretary. Posts also up for grabs were advertising and newsletter, refreshments, raffle persons and second hand uniform. A list of this year's committee members are available on Mr Bettison's newsletter.

The first fundraising event is the Jumble Sale which is on Saturday 11th October. The PTFA would love some more help on Jumble day and the week prior to this day with the delivering of leaflets around the village. Perhaps you could do this with walking the dog? Or give the kids some exercise and bribe them to do it!!! On Jumble day could you spare some time either setting up in the Morning or helping with the masses in the afternoon? Could you let me know if you can spare an hour or two? Any help will be truly appreciated. Please use the attached form and drop it into the office if you can offer any help.

The first "jolly" will be a coffee morning at my house on Friday 17th October straight from school drop off until 11am. I will bake a few (dodgy) cakes and put the kettle on. A donation of £1 would be appreciated for the school funds. There will be a second hand book table and a few cakes for sale too! If you have pre-schoolers they are very welcome - I have a pile of Lego and Playmobil to keep them happy. Please come along, you would be very welcome - Sheringham, Horslears, Axminster tel. 631699.

Can I take this opportunity of thanking the past Committee, and in particular Louise Quincy, for all their dedication and hardwork these past years in raising so much money for the School.

I am hopeful that there will be a couple of new fundraising ideas to be discussed at the next Committee Meeting which is to be held on Tuesday 4th November in School. Refreshments (yum!) will be available too. The meeting will start at 7pm. Please do come along - I and the rest of the committee hope to see you there!

Best wishes,

Kathy Jobson

Please reply by Monday, 6 October

I am able to help on Saturday, 11 October at the Jumble Sale

Please tick

In the morning

In the afternoon

Both