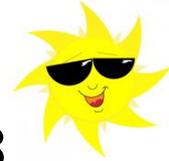




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PTA Newsletter Summer 2023



Our termly newsletter is here again to bring you all the latest news from our small but busy **Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) Core Team**.

Remember that as a parent or staff member you are all members of this PTA.

Here are some highlights from the current school year:

Following the success of the Year 7 disco back in October we organised another **DISCO for our Year 8's** in March. This time we had the wonderful DJ, student Matthew Kouba. As well as fabulous music we provided a tuck shop, facepainting and a mini raffle.

Our first ever **Quiz n Chips** night was a roaring success back in March with many calls for it to be an annual event so watch this space. The winning team won a £100 Love To Shop Voucher. Congratulations to "Share the Answer".

Our most recent event was the seasonal **Easter Egg decorating and rolling competition**. Thank you to all who got involved. Once again, our event provided fun for the students and raised a few pounds.

Our ongoing activities include the **Rags to Riches** collection of wearable and useable clothing and bedding. Your items can be brought in any bag to reception anytime and we have a termly collection.

Pre-loved uniform continues to be popular. Your donations can be left with reception any time. Collection of items you require can be arranged with Mrs

Kate Loram or the office with a suggested small donation of £2 per item or £5 for blazers.

There is nothing more frustrating than that new blazer/shoes /PE kit going missing. When you need **name labels**, please consider “**NameTags.**” They will give us 24% cash back to the school on all orders. **You need to use ID 33967 at the checkout.**

<https://www.mynametags.com/design-name-tags...>

This summer we will be selling **raffle tickets**. Every penny from the sales comes directly into the school. Chepstow and District Rotary are kindly organising the tickets for us and last year your support raised £434. Let us try to match or beat it again this year. Tickets available shortly.

We now have a **sum up card machine** making it easier for cashless purchases at our events and for our treasurer. However, we need a **donation of an old tablet or phone** to run it off. If you have such an item please get in touch with Tom Herbert (tomherbert@chepstowschool.net)

We have signed up to the **Your School lottery** The **easiest** way you can help our school raise funds is to play our **school lottery**. Its only £1 a week to play and we have a guaranteed winner within the school every week plus there is a chance to win a national prize of £25,000. [Click this link to join in and play.](#) 40% of ticket sales comes into our school every month. It's a huge earner for us and once you've set it up there is nothing else to do except wait for the Saturday night draw to take place.

We have an account with **Easy Fundraiser** which really is just that....easy. [Sign up here](#) and the retailer will donate a small percentage of their revenue to our school from every online purchase - with **no additional charges or admin for you**. Be sure to load the “[Donation reminder](#)” button available on all devices.

Download the app and start spending and saving all at once.



Our funds this year have supported:

- ★ The Performing Arts Department in being able to put on the wonderful Wizard of Oz,
- ★ The PE department are in the process of purchasing gazebos for their outdoor events.
- ★ The DT and Food Tech department are in the process of acquiring upgraded equipment.
- ★ Facilities are in the process of purchasing new examination desks to replace the 50-year-old, heavily graffitied and wobbly current desks.
- ★ Funds have supported additional costs incurred at recent school trips across the year groups.

There are lots of additional requests being considered. Please speak to a member of staff to complete and submit a funding request form. No matter how big or small. Raised funds are spent on enhancing the education and school experiences of all our children.

Thank you to **Chepstow Rotary for a kind donation** towards new sports kit for netball, football, rugby and athletics tops. This is brilliant as it means pupils won't need to wear PE kits or the old school logo when playing or representing school in events.

Our school are keen that we focus some fundraising money on a **second school/community minibus**. This is obviously a large undertaking so if you have any contacts to be able to obtain grants please get in touch. Or if you have ambitious fundraising ideas, we would love to hear from you. Join us at a meeting or Email to one of the core team see link on [school web site](#) here.

We are now officially a registered charity. Our registered **Charity number is 1202705**

Follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for news on our activities, events and lottery winners, or find us on the [school web site](#) (see Partners section).



Dates for your diary:

- Next meeting: Thursday 11th May 6-8pm, school staff room.
- Raffle tickets on sale June/July
- AGM in Sept
- Year 7 & 8 Discos in October

- Christmas Fayre Thursday 30th November 5-7pm
- Bingo night – Date TBA (Autumn 2023)
- Rags to Riches – Date TBA
- Quiz & Chip night – Date TBA (Spring 2024)

All of this can only happen with the time and energy of our volunteer parents and teachers. We are always needing an extra pair of hands to make these events possible so join our volunteer list any time. Every hour is appreciated.

Thank you to all who have helped make these events so successful.



Thank you for your continued support.