



PTA Post



December 2016

As this term comes to a close, we would like to share with you some of the ventures of this past half term and some exciting things to look forward to in the new year.

We would also like to thank everyone who has given their generous support this term, it is so greatly appreciated.

Pantomime Tickets

All pantomime tickets for the Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime at the King's Theatre on 17th December are now sold, raising a further £450.60 for the PTA funds. This will, in turn, be put back in to improving the school experience for all our children.

We hope everyone attending the pantomime has a fantastic time!

Clothes Rail

Thank you to all who have donated items of school uniform and bought them – this term we have raised £61.

Please continue to check the Friends of Berewood Facebook page for new listings and/or contact Jen Reid for further information.

Children in Need Cake Sale

Thank you so much to everyone who kindly donated and bought cakes during the Children in Need cake sale in November and, of course, to those who helped with the selling. The event was a massive success, raising £500 on the day, and a further £125 via GiftAid.

Forest School Equipment

We are pleased to say that PTA money was gifted to the school for the purchase of a tripod for the safe use of the outside kettle, to be used for the benefit of all children during Forest School sessions.

Film Night

Film night was so much fun for the children earlier this month, as they enjoyed watching The Secret Life of Pets. Again, thank you to all those who helped on the night - £160.91 was raised.

Christmas Cards

We think you will agree that this year's Christmas cards are particularly good - the children really did do a great job, with the help of their teachers.

Christmas Shopping Day

Wow! What an amazing, fun-filled day for all involved! Children throughout the school had a fantastic day, where they bought and wrapped gifts for their family and friends. They did this whilst dressed in an amazing array of Christmas jumpers, with a break for Christmas dinner, followed in the afternoon by meeting the man himself – Father Christmas!

The smiles on the faces of the children were a sight to behold – all made possible by the wealth of support offered by fantastic parents/carers at the school, both before and during the event. Thank you!

In total, including Christmas raffle ticket sales, a total of £860.63 was made.



All parents/carers within our school community are members of the PTA and all support and ideas are extremely welcome, no matter how small.

Please relay any ideas and/or offers of help via any member of the committee, the Friends of Berewood Facebook page or the PTA's email address: BerewoodPTA@outlook.com.



Dates for the Diary

- 17th December – Pantomime at the Kings Theatre
- 11th January – PTA meeting, 7pm
- 2nd March – World Book Day
- 4th March – Grounds Day (TBC)
- 10th March - Singathon
- 24th March – Comic Relief
- 25th May - Circus

Exciting Things Coming Up.....

PTA Meeting

Date: Wednesday 11th January, 7pm

It has been lovely to welcome faces, both new and old, to the PTA meetings this year. Everyone is welcome and there is no commitment to attend every meeting. So, if you fancy popping along and taking part, but haven't done so before, we would love to see you!

World Book Day

Date: Thursday 2nd March

During this event the PTA shall be giving each child a voucher in order to choose a book to take home. We will also be holding a 'Guess the Name of the Teddy' stall.

Grounds Day

Date: Saturday 4th March -TBC

The more people who can help maintain the school grounds the less it costs the school! Please come and help at future grounds days. Gardening is a great way to socialise and there is the lure of doughnuts from Mrs Patrick! We aim for a committee member to be present on each grounds day.



Singathon

Date: Friday 10th March

The children will take part in a sponsored singathon in March. Last year's danceathon was a huge success, raising £782.88 for the PTA funds and the children had an amazing time doing this. We have a very enthusiastic Mr Sophie full of ideas for this year's fun fundraiser. The song that the children will be performing is 'In the Jungle', where they will be using different tones, harmonies and instruments.

Comic Relief

Date: Friday 24th March

During this day the PTA shall be holding a fundraising event to donate funds to this great cause.

First Aid Course

Date: TBC

Further progress has been made with regards to running a basic first aid course at the school for parents/carers. We hope to be able to share a date for this event early in the new year.

Circus

Date: Thursday 25th May, 6-8pm

A circus, along with traditional fairground games and refreshments will be available on this date. Tickets will be on sale in the new year.

Summer Family Fun Day

Date: TBC – provisionally July

A summer family fun day, so that everyone has the opportunity to have some fun, whatever your budget, will also be arranged. More information to follow....

Don't forget fundraising opportunities via easyfundraising:

www.easyfundraising.co.uk and The Giving Machine:

www.thegivingmachine.co.uk, where a proportion of what you spend online is donated to the school.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope that everyone has a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and we look forward to an exciting 2017 with our wonderful school community!